

Dan Inouye
U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



KEY PANEL APPROVES STRYKER, HAWAII MILITARY FUNDING

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WASHINGTON — Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the financial foundation to base one of the Army's new, more lethal, and lightning-quick Stryker Brigades at Schofield Barracks is included in the more than \$330.5 million in federal funds earmarked for 21 military construction projects in Hawaii for Fiscal Year 2004 that begins on October 1, 2003.

The funds for the Hawaii projects are part of the nearly \$9.2 billion military construction appropriations bill unanimously approved today by the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Senator Inouye is a senior member.

While an official decision has not yet been made, Senator Inouye has been assured that one of the six Stryker Brigades will be based in Hawaii, and Schofield Barracks will be building new facilities, adding personnel, and increasing its land area to accommodate the unit.

Four military construction projects for Schofield — with a combined funding of \$71.8 million — are directly tied to having a Stryker unit based in Hawaii, Senator Inouye said. They are the construction of facilities for mission support training (\$33 million) and information systems (\$18 million), South Range land acquisition for training (\$19.4 million), and a land easement in Helemano (\$1.4 million).

"The facilities and training area are crucial for having a Stryker Brigade well-prepared to quickly respond to unconventional and conventional threats to our country that might surface anywhere in the world," Senator Inouye said.

The military construction bill, which now advances to the full Senate, also includes a total of nearly \$78.3 million for seven projects at Hickam Air Force Base that would enhance the operations of the C-17 transport squadron that will be based there beginning in 2006.

"The funding for the C-17 squadron facilities will further help transform Hawaii into one of the most modern bases of the 21st century for America's fighting forces," Senator Inouye said.

"The military construction bill also provides the funds to complete the design portion of a biomedical center at Tripler Army Medical Center that would permit a fast response to a bioterrorist attack in Hawaii," he added. "Furthermore, the capability of this laboratory would enhance the ability of Tripler and the Department of Defense to address emerging infectious

disease threats in the Pacific Rim, as well as provide partnering opportunities with the University of Hawaii, State of Hawaii Health Department, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Honolulu."

The Senator said funding would also go toward Phase II of a project involving the Military Access Road, also known as Saddle Road, a public highway that cuts through the Army's Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island. Fourteen miles of Saddle Road that goes through the training area would be relocated outside Pohakuloa to further ensure the safety of nonmilitary vehicles.

The following are the Hawaii military construction projects that would receive funding:

ARMY Schofield Barracks,	
Barracks Complex – Capron Road, Phase II	\$49,000,000
Schofield, Barracks Complex – Quad E	49,000,000
Schofield, Mission Support Training Facility	33,000,000
South Range, land acquisition	19,400,000
Schofield, Information Systems Facility	18,000,000
Pohakuloa Training Area, Saddle Road, Phase II	17,000,000
Helemano, land easement	1,400,000
NAVY	
Pacific Missile Range Facility, Range Operations Complex, planning and development	\$ 1,250,000
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	
Pearl Harbor, waterfront improvements	\$ 32,180,000
Pearl Harbor, perimeter security lighting	7,010,000
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AIR FORCE	
Hickam Air Force Base, C-17 corrosion control and maintenance facility	30,400,000
Hickam, C-17 Squadron operations	10,674,000
Hickam, expand strategic airlift ramp	10,102,000
Hickam, C-17 consolidated maintenance complex	7,529,000
Hickam, upgrade of the electrical system	6,800,000
Hickam, C-17 flight simulator	5,623,000
Hickam, C-17 support utilities, Phase I	4,098,000
Hickam, C-17 Kuntz gate and road	3,050,000
DEFENSE-WIDE	
Hickam, replace hydrant fuel system	14,100,000
Tripler Army Medical Center, Biomedical Center, design	4,600,000

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