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Statement by HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira on the passing of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye:

“It is with extreme sadness that we in Hawaii’s Labor Movement mourn the passing of Senator Daniel K. Inouye. A true champion of working people, Sen. Inouye’s legacy will live forever for all of us in Hawaii. We would easily understate any attempt to measure all that Sen. Inouye has done for our state; in so many ways he was as instrumental to our economy as any industry, and has assured us of long-term Federal support in so many different ways. Dan Inouye will be greatly missed.

“Our hearts go out to Sen. Inouye’s family and staff at this time of grief. On behalf of working people in Hawaii’s Labor Movement, our sincere condolences to Irene, Kenny and the Inouye family.”

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About HGEA

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in seven bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.