

(HIPA News Release – Infrastructure Summit)

### **Summit on Hawaii’s Physical Infrastructure scheduled for July 13, 2010**

The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) has announced that it will convene a Summit on The State of Physical Infrastructure in Hawaii on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom III. It will present findings of a study funded primarily by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

“The findings are the result of eight months of exhaustive work by 20 state and county governmental agencies that participated in a survey of current and planned infrastructure projects across the entire state,” said Jeanne Schultz Afuvai of HIPA. “We discovered that more than \$14 billion in infrastructure construction is planned over the next six years, which is critical information for the state and counties as they seek federal infrastructure funds.”

Featured speakers via live video will be U.S. Representative Jim Oberstar, chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and U.S. Representative Mazie Hirono, also a member of the committee. A panel of local experts includes Mark Anderson, state lead ARRA coordinator; Cheryl Soon, SSFM International; and Bill Wilson, Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co., Inc.

While the Summit is free, registration is required. A registration form can be downloaded from [www.hipaonline.com](http://www.hipaonline.com). For more information, email [hipasummit@gmail.com](mailto:hipasummit@gmail.com) or call Susan Oshiro at (808) 626-6755.

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