

Inouye plans visit to Alaska

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Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is traveling to Anchorage on May 27 for an all-day hearing on condition affecting Alaska Natives.

Inouye is the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

Julie Kitka, executive vice president of the Alaska Federation of

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Natives, said Inouye will listen to testimony about health, social and economics.

"This is an opportunity for Alaska Natives to testify about problems that they see out there. And they can talk about positive solutions," Kitka said.

Inouye was in Alaska on Sept. 7 last year. He listened to health care and social program concerns from Alaska Natives who came to Anchorage from around the state.

Inouye is coming to Alaska as a result of the AFN report, "A Call to Action," which documents health and social problems that exist in rural Alaska.

Those who are interested in finding out more about how they can testify on May 27 may contact the Senate Hart Building 838, Washington, D.C., 20510 or call 202/224-2251.