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### **BANK COALITION COLLECTS 17 TONS AND \$33,500 FOR THE FOODBANK**

(Honolulu, Hawaii, August 4, 2009) – Members of the Hawaii Bankers Association collected more than 33,000 pounds of food and \$33,500 during the Hawaii Foodbank Food Drive from April to May. Only in its second year as a drive participant, the trade organization increased its donation to the Foodbank by more than 6,000 pounds and \$9,000 from last year.

“During these very difficult economic times, everyone is feeling the pinch,” said Gary Y. Fujitani, executive director of the Hawaii Bankers Association. “We believe the success of this drive is a real testament to our members’ sense of community and their willingness to help others, especially in this challenging economic climate.”

The Hawaii Bankers Association efforts were part of the annual Hawaii Foodbank Food Drive, which also included other coalitions representing the various sectors of local business and government.

“We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the member banks of the Hawaii Bankers Association,” said Richard Grimm, president of the Hawaii Foodbank. “We are fortunate to have the banks and our other coalitions supporting us as the need for emergency food assistance is greater now more than ever.”

The Hawaii Bankers Association is a trade organization made up of local FDIC insured depository institutions. They include: American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of the Orient, Central Pacific Bank, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii National Bank, HomeStreet Bank, Ohana Pacific Bank, Pacific Rim Bank and Territorial Savings Bank.

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