



"The people of Hawaii believe that public officers and employees must exhibit the highest standards of ethical conduct and that these standards come from the personal integrity of each individual in government."

— *Hawaii State
Constitution
Article XIV*

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Ceremonies Mark 50th Anniversary of Hawaii State Ethics Commission

On March 29, 2018, Governor David Ige and Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald presented congratulatory proclamations in honor of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission's 50th Anniversary; the State Senate likewise issued a resolution congratulating past and present Commissioners and Commission staff on fifty years of service.



L-R: Vice Chair Ruth Tschumy, Chair Reynard Gaulty, Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Governor David Ige, Commissioner Melinda Wood, Commissioner David O'Neal, Executive Director Daniel Gluck.



The Commission was established in January of 1968 and was the first state ethics commission in the nation. Today, fifty years later, the Commission remains committed to promoting ethics and integrity in state government.

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Our thanks to Governor Ige, Chief Justice Recktenwald, and the entire State Senate, especially Senator Les Ihara, for commemorating the Commission's 50th Anniversary!



2018 Ethics Training Schedule: Neighbor Island Classes

Ethics training classes will begin in May for state employees on the neighbor islands. The classes will provide an overview of the state ethics laws that apply to all state employees. Topics will include conflicts of interests; gifts and the reporting of gifts; confidential information; misuse of official position; and post-employment restrictions.

The 90-minute classes are open to all state employees and there is no fee to attend. Training dates and locations for upcoming classes on Oahu and the neighbor islands are listed below.

May 3, 2018:	Oahu, Leeward Community College
May 14, 2018:	Hawaii Island, University of Hawaii Hilo
May 22, 2018:	Maui, University of Hawaii Maui College (with video conference to Molokai and Lanai)
May 25, 2018:	Kauai, University of Hawaii Kauai Community College (morning session) and Fifth Circuit Courthouse (afternoon session)
June 8, 2018:	Hawaii Island, Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, Kailua-Kona
October 23, 2018:	Oahu, Mission Memorial Auditorium

Check the Commission's website at <http://ethics.hawaii.gov/2018training/> for more information about the times and locations of classes and to see when online registration for each class will begin.

“The purpose of this chapter is to . . . establish an ethics commission which will . . . render advisory opinions and enforce the provisions of this law so that public confidence in public servants will be preserved.”

*Preamble,
Hawaii Revised
Statutes Chapter 84
(State Ethics Code)*

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ETHICS REMINDERS FOR THIS ELECTION YEAR

State officials and employees are reminded this election year that the State Ethics Code prohibits the use of state resources for political campaign activities. The “Fair Treatment” section of the ethics code, Hawaii Revised Statutes section 84-13, prohibits legislators and employees from using state time, equipment, and facilities for “private business” purposes, which includes political campaign purposes. For example, the following activities are prohibited:

- Using state work time to sign wave for a candidate.
- Soliciting campaign support in state offices.
- Using state equipment or supplies for a campaign fundraiser.
- Using a state computer or state email account to send campaign-related emails.

The “Fair Treatment” law also prohibits legislators and employees from using their state positions to give “unwarranted” privileges or advantages to anyone, including political candidates. For example, the following activities are prohibited:

- Using your state position to pressure or coerce anyone to perform campaign activities for a candidate.
- Soliciting campaign contributions from your subordinates, or from persons or businesses that you inspect or supervise.
- Using state personnel to perform campaign activities, such as setting up for a campaign fundraiser, during state work time.
- Allowing political candidates to walk through state offices to “meet and greet” employees for campaign purposes.

For more information, see our latest publication, “A Quick Guide on Campaign Activities by State Officials and Employees.” Visit our website at <http://ethics.hawaii.gov/category/guidance/publications/guidelines/campaigning/> to review this latest “Quick Guide.”

Filing Deadlines Reminder: May 31, 2018:

- Financial Disclosure Statements for State Officials
- Lobbying Expenditures and Contributions Reports for March 1 – April 30, 2018

