

# **SUNSHINE LAW MEETING**



# HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

*Komikina Ho'opono Kulekele o Hawai'i Moku'āina*

## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commissioners:

Wesley Fong, Chair

Beverley Tobias, Vice-Chair • Robert Hong • Cynthia Thielen • Roderick Becker

Date: July 16, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom Videoconference or Phone:

Videoconference: [Join Zoom Meeting](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87157265927?pwd=W5wvbmBAorMStkudJDCZRCgEKuyGfm.1)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87157265927?pwd=W5wvbmBAorMStkudJDCZRCgEKuyGfm.1>  
Phone: +1 (408) 638-0968 or +1 (669) 444-9171  
Phone passcode: 168792  
Meeting ID: 871 5726 5927  
Passcode: 24drhb

Public Meeting Location:

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Conference Room  
1001 Bishop Street  
American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-3.7, the State Ethics Commission will meet remotely using interactive conference technology. The public may either attend the meeting in person, at the public meeting location above, or participate remotely by using the above Zoom meeting information. If participating remotely, please mute your phone/device except while testifying. If the Commission's videoconference connection is lost during the meeting, please visit the Commission's website ([www.ethics.hawaii.gov](http://www.ethics.hawaii.gov)) for more information, including reconnection information.

Public meeting materials for this meeting are available on the Commission's website at [www.ethics.hawaii.gov](http://www.ethics.hawaii.gov).

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 25, 2025 Meeting

*Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the June 25, 2025, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting*

II. Election of Officers for 2025

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Note: Commissioners may choose to delay this election until a new Commissioner has been appointed to fill an existing vacancy.

III. Directors' Report

1. Education & Disclosures – Report/Updates

*Attachment 1: 2025 Training Schedule*

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – June 2025

*Attachment 2: 2025 Guidance and Assignment Statistics/Website Traffic*

*Attachment 3: Complaint Statistics*

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects/Updates

*Attachment 4: Q4 Financial Report*

IV. Discussion of Media Reports Concerning Ethics or the Ethics Commission Since the Last Meeting

*Description:* The Commission will discuss recent media coverage related to ethics in government or the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission. The discussion may include consideration of potential responses, clarification of public information, or other appropriate actions.

V. Discussion of Possible Legislative Proposals within the Commission's Jurisdiction

*Description:* The Commission will discuss potential legislative proposals for the upcoming legislative session, including possible amendments to the State Ethics Code (Haw. Rev. Stat. Chapter 84), the Lobbyists Law (Haw. Rev. Stat. Chapter 97), or other matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission may provide direction to staff regarding research, drafting, and consultation with stakeholders.

*Attachment 1: Draft of Proposed Ban on Political Fundraising By State Employees Involved in Procurement Matters*

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys and/or the Department of the Attorney General on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

VI. *Akana v. Hawai'i State Ethics Commission and Daniel Gluck, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); Akana v. Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 19-1-0379-03 (JHA); State of Hawai'i, Ethics Commission v. Rowena Akana, Civil No. 20-1-0453 (BIA)*

*Description:* Discussion of case status.

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VII. Adjournment

Disruption of Interactive Technology:

If the Commission loses internet or Zoom connection, the meeting will be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication. **Audio-Only Communication:** If audio-only communication is available, all Commissioners, staff, members of the public, and other interested individuals may continue to participate in the meeting via teleconference by dialing the telephone number and Meeting ID number noted above. If communication cannot be restored within thirty minutes, the meeting will be automatically continued to a date and time to be posted on the Commission's website at [www.ethics.hawaii.gov](http://www.ethics.hawaii.gov). Alternatively, if a decision is made to terminate the meeting, the termination will be posted on the Commission's website.

Public Testimony:

Anyone wishing to testify may do so during the meeting or may submit written testimony in advance of the meeting by email ([info.ethics@hawaii.gov](mailto:info.ethics@hawaii.gov)), facsimile (fax) (808-587-0470), or U.S. postal mail (State Ethics Commission, 1001 Bishop Street, American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813). Public testimony must be related to an item on the agenda, and the testifier must identify the item to be addressed by the testimony. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-3 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules section 21-1-6(c), oral testimony is limited to three minutes per testifier per agenda item, subject to the reasonable discretion of the Chair.

Auxiliary Aid or Accommodation Due to a Disability:

If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please get in touch with the State Ethics Commission at (808) 587-0460 or email the Commission at [info.ethics@hawaii.gov](mailto:info.ethics@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible, preferably at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM I

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
JUNE 25, 2025 MEETING

Attachment 1:       Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the June 25, 2025  
                              Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF HAWAII

Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid meeting held via Zoom video and audio conference

Recorded video available at

[https://ethics.hawaii.gov/category/commissionmeetings/comm\\_videos/](https://ethics.hawaii.gov/category/commissionmeetings/comm_videos/)

Public Meeting Location

Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room  
1001 Bishop Street  
American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: State Ethics Commission Members

Wesley F. Fong, Chair (present in the conference room)  
Beverley Tobias, Vice Chair (via video conference)  
Robert Hong, Commissioner (present in the conference room)  
Cynthia Thielen, Commissioner (present in the conference room)  
Roderick Becker, Commissioner (present in the conference room)

State Ethics Commission Staff

Robert D. Harris, Executive Director (present in the conference room)  
Bonita Y.M. Chang, Compliance Director (via video conference)  
Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney (via video conference)  
Jennifer M. Yamanuha, Staff Attorney (via video conference)  
Jodi L. K. Yi, Staff Attorney (via video conference)  
Jared Elster, Investigator (via video conference)  
Barbara A. Gash, Investigatory Analyst (via video conference)

Guests and Members of the Public

Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director, Campaign Spending Commission  
Kristie Chang, General Counsel, Campaign Spending Commission

1 **CALL TO ORDER (0:04)**

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3 Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Chair  
4 Fong, Vice Chair Tobias, Commissioner Hong, Commissioner Thielen, Commissioner  
5 Becker, and Commission staff. All participating Commissioners and staff confirmed that no  
6 one was in the room with them at their respective remote locations.  
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9 **Agenda Item No. I: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2025,**  
10 **Meeting (3:45)**

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12 Commissioner Thielen moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting, and  
13 Vice Chair Tobias seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all  
14 Commissioners present voting in the affirmative.  
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17 **Agenda Item No. II: Discussion of Legislative Approaches to Prohibit Campaign**  
18 **Contributions from State or County Contractors, Grantees, Officers, and Immediate**  
19 **Family Members (4:30)**

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21 The Commission welcomed Executive Director Kristin Izumi-Nitao and General Counsel  
22 Kristie Chang of the Hawai'i Campaign Spending Commission. Ms. Izumi-Nitao presented  
23 an overview of House Bill 371, which sought to expand the prohibition on campaign  
24 contributions from state and county government contractors to include officers and  
25 immediate family members. The bill also proposed similar prohibitions for grant in aid  
26 recipients.  
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28 Discussion included implementation concerns, such as procurement burden, scope of its  
29 application, penalties, and password-protected systems for candidate and candidate  
30 committee access to contributor information so prohibited contributions would not be  
31 accepted from these individuals during the contracting period. Commissioner Thielen and  
32 others expressed support for the bill's intent. The Commission discussed future  
33 collaboration on legislative strategies.  
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35 **Brief Recess (32:06)**

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37 **Agenda Item No. III: Directors' Report (32:40)**

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39 **Compliance and Education:**

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41 Compliance Director Chang reported that courtesy reminders were sent to new members  
42 of 17 public boards and commissions and one newly appointed legislator about the live  
43 mandatory ethics training. Staff has also been busy assisting filers with filing their annual  
44 financial disclosures, which are due at the end of May for all employee filers and continuing  
45 board filers. Newly appointed board filers begin their terms on July 1, and will be required  
46 to file by the end of July.



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2 **Statistics Report:**

3 Executive Director Harris reviewed statistics for May 2025, including 31 complaints, 11 anti-  
4 fraud items, and 32 travel invitations/gift-related requests. In total, 85 new assignments  
5 were opened and 76 have been closed.  
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7 **Lobbying Reports:**

8 New data reports presented included the top 20 highest compensated lobbyists, most-  
9 lobbied bills, and lobbying organizations with the highest expenditures as of June 11, 2025.  
10 Information is available to the public on the ethics website and the underlying data is  
11 downloadable. Commissioners discussed the relationship between lobbying and campaign  
12 contributions.  
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14 **Other Updates:**

15 Commissioner Tobias' term has expired, and she will remain as a holdover member until  
16 the Judicial Council selects two candidates, and the Governor chooses one from that list.  
17 Chair Fong instructed staff to follow up with the Chief Justice regarding the status.  
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20 **Agenda Item No. IV: Discussion of Media Reports Concerning Ethics or the Ethics**  
21 **Commission Since the Last Meeting (47:47)**  
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23 Executive Director Harris reported on four media mentions:  
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- 25 • June 25, 2025 Civil Beat article on an anonymous PUC ethics complaint.  
26 [https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/state-utility-official-investigation-bullying-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/state-utility-official-investigation-bullying-toxic-environment/)  
27 [toxic-environment/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/state-utility-official-investigation-bullying-toxic-environment/)
- 28 • June 24, 2025 Civil Beat article on UHERO report on lobbying data, citing Hawai'i as  
29 among the most detailed state-level lobbying datasets.  
30 [https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/the-sunshine-blog-influence-peddling-by-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/the-sunshine-blog-influence-peddling-by-the-numbers/)  
31 [the-numbers/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/the-sunshine-blog-influence-peddling-by-the-numbers/)
- 32 • June 14, 2025 Oregon ethics commissioner investigated for travel to Hawai'i.  
33 [https://www.oregonlive.com/watchdog/2025/06/oregon-ethics-commission-](https://www.oregonlive.com/watchdog/2025/06/oregon-ethics-commission-votes-to-launch-investigation-into-former-sewer-ceos-food-travel-spending.html)  
34 [votes-to-launch-investigation-into-former-sewer-ceos-food-travel-spending.html](https://www.oregonlive.com/watchdog/2025/06/oregon-ethics-commission-votes-to-launch-investigation-into-former-sewer-ceos-food-travel-spending.html)
- 35 • June 22, 2025 Civil Beat story about a Hawai'i senator not disclosing a potential  
36 conflict of interest. [https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/hawai%CA%BBi-senator-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/hawai%CA%BBi-senator-didnt-disclose-possible-conflict-of-interest-before-voting/)  
37 [didnt-disclose-possible-conflict-of-interest-before-voting/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/06/hawai%CA%BBi-senator-didnt-disclose-possible-conflict-of-interest-before-voting/)  
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39 Chair Fong noted a letter from the Maui County Ethics Commission recognizing the State  
40 Commission's support in obtaining full-time staff.  
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43 **Agenda Item No. V: 2025 Legislative Matters (50:50)**  
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45 Executive Director Harris reported the Commission-sponsored bills that were enacted:  
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- [SB289](#) – Act 013 – Establishes uniform provisions for the assessment of administrative penalties under the State Ethics Code and Lobbyist Law.
- [HB412 SD2](#) – Act 063 – Establishes certain presumptions regarding lobbying on behalf of private clients. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of the state lobbying law under certain conditions. Expands the definition of “lobbying” in the state lobbying law to include certain communications with certain government officials regarding procurement decisions. Effective 1/1/2027
- [HB413 SD1](#) – Act 064 – Clarifies administrative oversight of statutory restrictions relating to prohibited lobbyist contributions. Clarifies that the regular or special sessions in which lobbyist contributions are prohibited are periods during which both houses of the legislature are in session.

The Commission discussed the failure of a bill extending the nepotism statute to the Legislature. The House Judiciary Chair expressed a preference for internal enforcement through legislative rules.

**Agenda Item No. VI: Discussion of Possible 2026 Legislative Proposals within the Commission’s Jurisdiction (56.31)**

Commissioner Thielen proposed a draft bill to prohibit executive branch officers and employees with procurement authority over state contracts exceeding \$5,000 from participating in political fundraising. The Commission agreed to have staff review and revise the draft for further discussion.

**Agenda Item No. VII: Akana v. Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission and Daniel Gluck, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); Akana v. Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 19-1-0379-03 (JHA); State of Hawai‘i, Ethics Commission v. Rowena Akana, Civil No. 20-1-0453 (BIA) (1:04:12)**

Executive Director Robert Harris reported that there are no updates. The matter remains pending before the Hawai‘i Supreme Court.

**Agenda Item No. VIII: Adjournment of Sunshine Law Meeting (1:04:50)**

At approximately 10:12 a.m., Commissioner Hong moved to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Tobias seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM II

Election of Officers for 2025

Attachment 1:        *Election of Officers for 2025*

*Note: Commissioners may choose to delay this election until a new Commissioner has been appointed to fill the current vacancy.*

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM II

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025

The Commission's administrative rules provide for the annual election of a chair and vice chair whose terms will commence on January 1 of each year. Hawai'i Administrative Rules § 21-1-10 states as follows:

§ 21-1-10 Chairperson and vice-chairperson. (a) A chairperson shall be elected by a majority of all the members to which the commission is entitled, who shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected, with such term to commence on January 1 of each year.

(b) A vice-chairperson, who shall call and chair meetings in the incapacity or absence of the chairperson, shall be elected by a majority of all the members to which the commission is entitled, and shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected, with such term to commence on January 1 of each year.

The Commission has previously scheduled the election of officers in January. However, in some years, the Commission has deferred the election of officers to July and kept the current officers in place until that time.

At the Commission's meeting on January 15, 2025, the Commission deferred the election of officers until the July, 2025 meeting.

The following table is provided for your information.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Term End</b>	<b>Date of Reappointment</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Wesley Fong*	7/01/2018	6/30/2022	7/01/2022	6/30/2026
Beverley Tobias**	7/22/2021	6/30/2025		
Robert Hong	7/01/2022	6/30/2026		
Cynthia Thielen	7/28/2023	6/30/2027		
Roderick Becker	9/16/2024	6/30/2028		

\* Commissioner Fong served as Vice Chair from July 2021 to July 2022, and has served as Chair from July 2022 to present.

\*\*Commissioner Tobias served as Vice Chair from January 2024 to present.

(Note: Commissioners may be appointed to two consecutive four-year terms.)

SUNSHINE MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM III

DIRECTORS' REPORT  
July 16, 2025

**1. Education & Disclosures – Report/Updates**

*Attachment 1: 2025 Training Schedule*

**2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – June 2025**

*Attachment 2: 2025 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic*

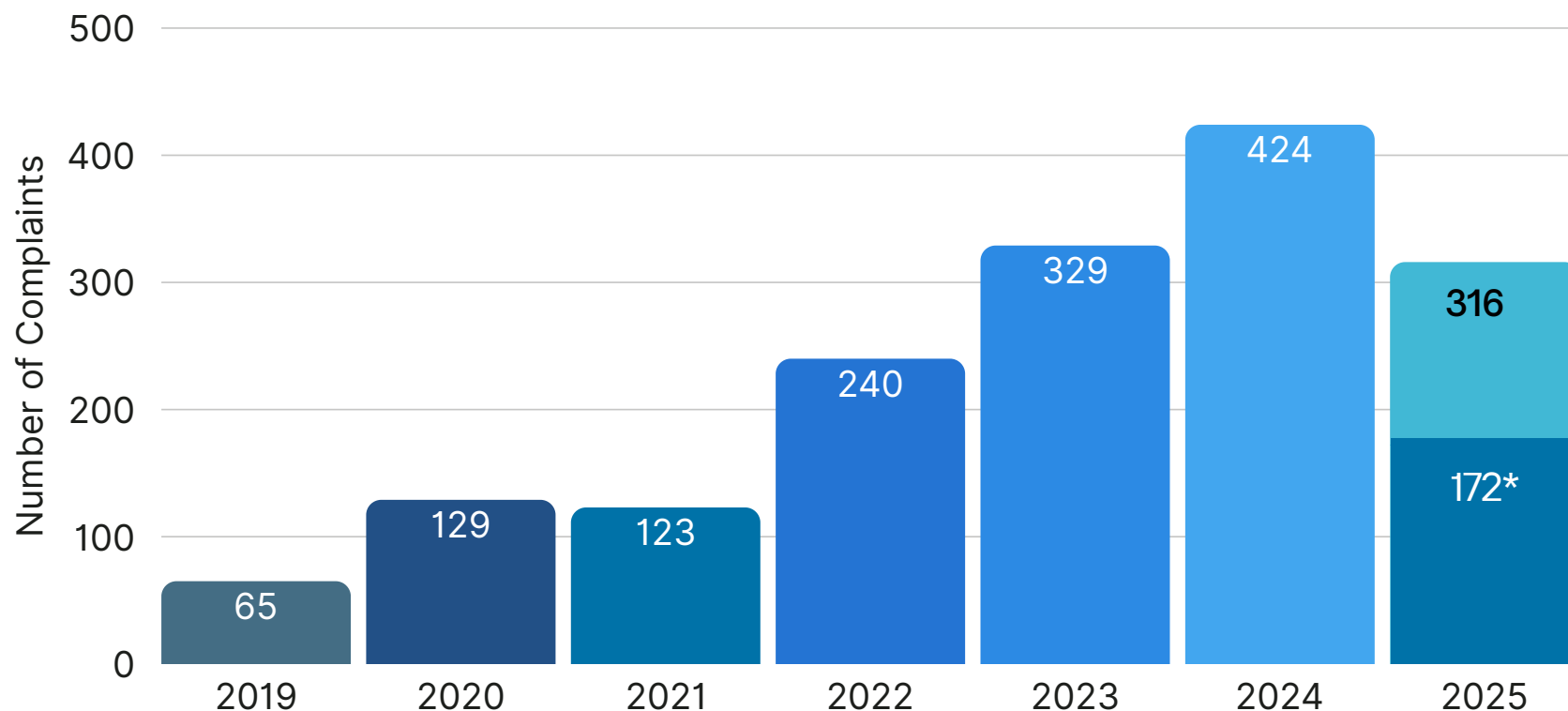
*Attachment 3: Complaint Statistics*

**3. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates**

*Attachment 4: Q4 Financial Report*

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 2025 EDUCATION PROGRAM (Ethics Workshops and Presentations)			
DATE	PRESENTATIONS	IN PERSON PARTICIPANTS	WEBINAR PARTICIPANTS
1/2/2025	WEBINAR: Lobbyists Law Training	0	25
1/10/2025	WEBINAR: Lobbyists Law Training	0	22
1/17/2025	IN PERSON: Ethics Refresher, Capitol House Members	46	0
1/23/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training	0	18
2/10/2025	WEBINAR: Universal Access Advisory Council, Custom Advisory	0	24
3/5/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training	0	3
4/17/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training, Charter Schools	0	34
5/8/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training	0	15
7/18/2025	WEBINAR: Ethics for State Board & Commission members		
8/6/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training		
9/25/2025	WEBINAR: Ethics for State Board & Commission members		
10/22/2025	WEBINAR: General Ethics Training		
11/7/2025	WEBINAR: Ethics for State Board & Commission members		
TOTAL	13 Presentations	46 participants	141 participants

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
<b>Training statistics</b>													
# of In-Person Trainings	1	0	0	0	0	0							1
# of People Trained In Person	46	0	0	0	0	0							46
# of On-Line Trainings (Self-Directed)	698	511	411	419	441	421							2,901
# of Lobbyists Law Trainings	180	62	117	11	8	2							380
# of Training Webinars	3	1	1	1	1	0							7
# of Participants in Training Webinars	65	24	3	34	15	0							141
<b>Attorney of the Day</b>													
	97	89	87	88	87	64							512
<b>New assignments</b>													
Advisory Opinion	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Anti-Fraud	6	2	3	6	11	7							35
Complaint	22	20	37	25	31	37							172
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	46	33	31	49	32	53							244
Guidance	2	5	0	2	1	0							10
Judicial Selection Comm'n	2	4	4	1	2	3							16
Nepotism	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Training Request	1	0	2	0	0	0							3
Record Request	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Project/Other	9	3	2	6	8	2							30
Total	88	67	80	89	85	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	511
<b>Closed Assignments</b>													
Advisory Opinion	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Anti-Fraud	2	5	13	3	5	11							39
Complaint	25	26	29	28	20	29							157
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	46	35	26	43	43	52							245
Guidance	1	5	0	3	1	1							11
Judicial Selection Comm'n	2	4	4	1	2	3							16
Nepotism	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Training Request	4	1	1	1	1	0							8
Record Request	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Project/Other	5	3	1	1	4	1							15
Total	85	79	76	80	76	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	493

**COMPLAINTS OPENED**

\*172 Complaints opened in first half of 2025, projected to open 316 complaints over the year.

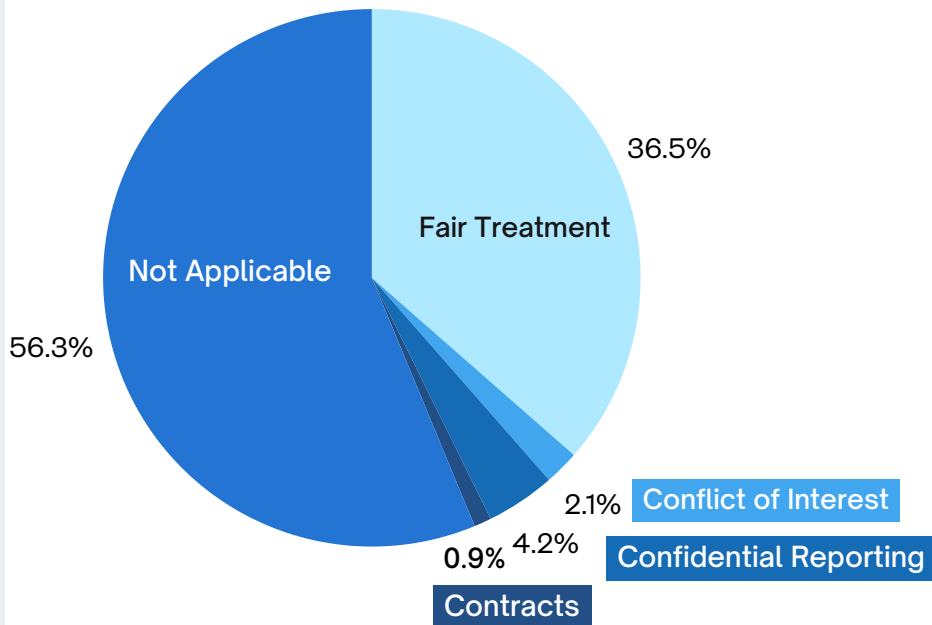


# Complaints

Calendar Year 2025  
Quarter 2

## What Were the Alleged Violations?

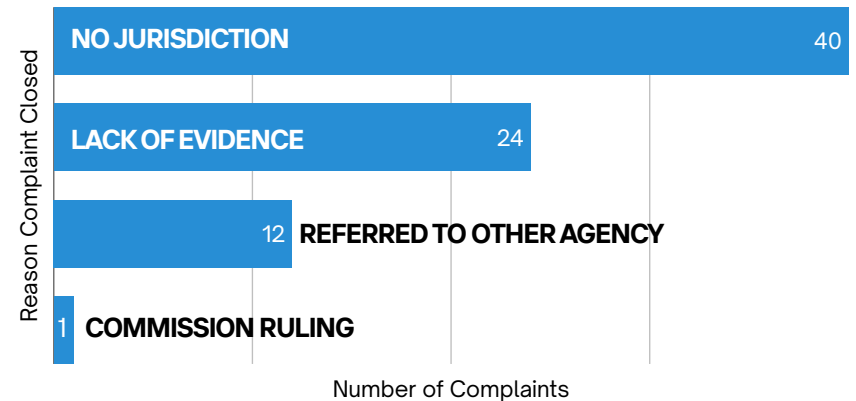
Fair Treatment	35	Nepotism	0
Confidential Reporting	4	Lobbying	0
Conflict of Interest	2	Post-employment	0
Contracts	1	Financial Disclosures	0
Gifts	0	Not Applicable	34



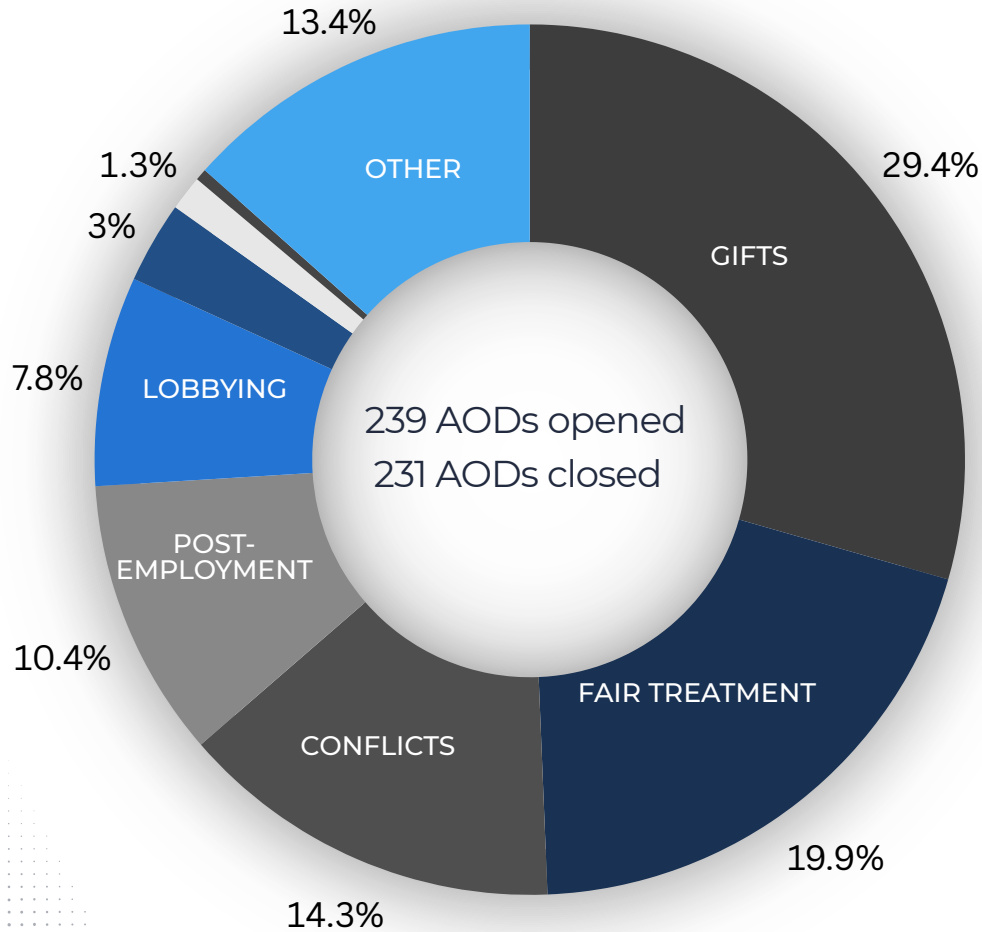
Complaints Opened 93

Complaints Closed 77

## How Were the Complaints Resolved?



# ATTORNEY OF THE DAY TRENDS



39 Written Summaries issued  
3 Guidances Issued



HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
FY 2025 (MONTH ENDING: June 30, 2025)  
Appropriation Symbol: G-25-393-Y6

	Amount Appropriated FY 2024-2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 9/30/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 12/31/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 3/31/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 6/30/2025	Year-To-Date Expenditures Totals	% of Budget Expended
<b>A. PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>							
Staff Salaries	\$ 1,293,238.00	\$ 311,300.50	\$ 314,598.00	\$ 314,598.00	\$ 312,310.25	1,252,806.75	96.9%
Total Personnel Services	<b>\$ 1,293,238.00</b>	<b>\$ 311,300.50</b>	<b>\$ 314,598.00</b>	<b>\$ 314,598.00</b>	<b>\$ 312,310.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,806.75</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>							
Office Expenses	16,640.00	2,940.10	2,003.05	1,229.85	2,167.13	8,340.13	50.1%
Intrastate Transportation and Travel	9,250.00	180.44	12.00	181.34	6.75	380.53	4.1%
Out-of-State Travel	12,660.00	1,243.23	7,933.60	1,093.41	0.00	10,270.24	81.1%
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	34,100.00	435.27	3,473.82	1,252.59	37,362.87	42,524.55	124.7%
Dues, Subscriptions, Training	20,910.00	2,317.48	4,636.69	4,225.81	16,716.63	27,896.61	133.4%
Newspaper Advertisements	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Comm'n Mtgs, Investigations, Hrsg	12,400.00	838.35	0.00	18.89	0.00	857.24	6.9%
Consulting Services	42,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,102.48	82,914.37	84,016.85	197.7%
Office Rent	131,880.00	16,849.10	31,530.81	31,776.25	37,899.12	118,055.28	89.5%
Total Other Current Expenses	<b>\$ 281,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,803.97</b>	<b>\$ 49,589.97</b>	<b>\$ 40,880.62</b>	<b>\$ 177,066.87</b>	<b>\$ 292,341.43</b>	<b>103.9%</b>
<b>C. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>							
Office Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00	0.00	3,062.82	5,966.63	8,790.57	17,820.02	178.2%
Total Capital Outlay	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,062.82</b>	<b>\$ 5,966.63</b>	<b>\$ 8,790.57</b>	<b>\$ 17,820.02</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)</b>	<b>\$ 1,584,678.00 <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 336,104.47</b>	<b>\$ 367,250.79</b>	<b>\$ 361,445.25</b>	<b>\$ 498,167.69</b>	<b>\$ 1,562,968.20</b>	<b>98.6%</b>

General Fund Allocation . . . . . **\$ 1,584,678.00**  
Total Expenditures as of June 30, 2025 . . . . . \$ 1,562,968.20  
Balance as of June 30, 2025 . . . . . \$21,709.80

<sup>1</sup> \$1,584,678 awarded by Act 1, SLH 2024 - Appropriation 393.

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2025 (QUARTER ENDING: June 30, 2025)

Appropriation Symbol: G-25-395-Y6

	Amount Appropriated FY 2024-2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 9/30/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 12/31/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 3/31/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 6/30/2025	Year-To-Date Expenditures Totals	% of Budget Expended
A. TEMPORARY HAZARD PAY							
Temporary Hazard Pay	\$ 220,000.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 0.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120,000.00	54.5%
Total Payout	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>	<b>54.5%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>	<b>54.5%</b>

Appropriation for Temporary Hazard Pay .....	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>
Total Expenditures as of June 30, 2025. ....	\$ 120,000.00
Balance as of June 30, 2025 .....	\$ 100,000.00

<sup>1</sup> Funds for Temporary Hazard Pay appropriated by Act 1, HB 2374, for \$220,000.

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2025 (QUARTER ENDING: June 30, 2025)

Appropriation Symbol: G-24-396-Y6

	Amount Appropriated FY 2024-2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 9/30/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 12/31/2024	Expenditures for Qtr. End 3/31/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 6/30/2025	Year-To-Date Expenditures Totals	% of Budget Expended
A. ACCRUED VACATION/VACATION TRANSFERS							
Vacation Payout	\$ 16,553.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,576.39	\$ 5,576.39	33.7%
Total Accrued Vacation/Vacation Transfe	<b>\$ 16,553.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,576.39</b>	<b>\$ 5,576.39</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,553.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,576.39</b>	<b>\$ 5,576.39</b>	<b>33.7%</b>

Appropriation for Accrued Vacation/Vacation Transfer Payments .....	<b>\$ 16,553.00</b>
Total Expenditures as of June 30, 2025. ....	\$ 5,576.39
Balance as of June 30, 2025 .....	\$ 10,976.61

<sup>1</sup> Funds for accrued vacation and vacation transfer payments appropriated by Act 2, SLH 2024, for \$16,553.00, carried over from FY 2024.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM IV

DISCUSSION OF MEDIA REPORTS CONCERNING ETHICS OR THE ETHICS COMMISSION  
SINCE THE LAST MEETING

*Description:* The Commission will discuss recent media coverage related to ethics in government or the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission. The discussion may include consideration of potential responses, clarification of public information, or other appropriate actions.

No Attachments.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM V

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S  
JURISDICTION

*Description:* The Commission will discuss potential legislative proposals for the upcoming legislative session, including possible amendments to the State Ethics Code (Haw. Rev. Stat. Chapter 84), the Lobbyists Law (Haw. Rev. Stat. Chapter 97), or other matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission may provide direction to staff regarding research, drafting, and consultation with stakeholders.

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys and/or the Department of the Attorney General on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

*Attachment 1:*           *Draft of Commissioner Thielen's Proposed Ban on Political Fundraising  
By State Employees Involved in Procurement Matters.*

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2026  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO.

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY STATE EMPLOYEES

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to promote public  
2 trust in government, it is essential to prevent even the  
3 appearance that state contracts are awarded based on political  
4 considerations. Executive state employees who exercise authority  
5 over procurement or contract administration should be free from  
6 the appearance of impropriety related to political fundraising  
7 activities.

8       SECTION 2. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
9 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
10 read as follows:

11       "84-    **Political fundraising; procurement authority;**  
12 **prohibition.**

13       (a) No unelected employee or officer in the executive  
14 branch who has oversight, management, or procurement authority  
15 over state contracts with a value greater than \$5,000 shall:



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1           (1) Organize, attend, host, or solicit contributions for  
2 any political fundraiser for any candidate for elective office;  
3 or

4           (2) Directly solicit campaign contributions from any  
5 individual or entity.

6           (b) For the purpose of this section, "procurement  
7 authority" includes authority to select vendors, award  
8 contracts, approve payments, or otherwise influence the outcome  
9 of a state procurement process.

10          (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit  
11 an individual from exercising the individual's rights as a  
12 citizen to express opinions or cast votes."

13          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM VI

AKANA v. HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND DANIEL GLUCK,  
CIVIL NO. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); AKANA v. HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, CIVIL NO.  
19-1-0379-03 (JHA); STATE OF HAWAII, ETHICS COMMISSION v. ROWENA AKANA, CIVIL  
NO. 20-1-0453 (BIA)

Discussion of case status.

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to  
Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys on  
questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities,  
and liabilities.

No attachments.