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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ENTERS INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SIONE THOMPSON, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAI‘I STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

HONOLULU, HI -- The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission reached a settlement agreement with Sione Thompson, former Executive Director of the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission. The settlement agreement resolves a Charge alleging that Mr. Thompson, while a member of the board of directors of three organizations, took state action affecting these organizations in violation of the State Ethics Code. The Charge further alleged that Mr. Thompson failed to report his interests in these organizations on annual financial disclosure statements.

The settlement agreement requires Mr. Thompson to pay an administrative fine of \$5,000 to the State of Hawai‘i. As part of the settlement agreement, Mr. Thompson admitted he violated the Conflicts of Interests law on fifteen occasions. He further admitted that he violated the Financial Disclosure law by failing to disclose his positions on the boards of directors of the organizations his annual financial disclosure statements filed between 2018 and 2020.

The Commission’s decision can be found on the Commission’s website at <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/ROC2023-02.pdf>