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### GOVERNOR APPOINTS FORMER REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA THIELEN TO HAWAI‘I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Governor Josh Green, M.D., appointed former Representative Cynthia Thielen to a new four-year term on the Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission, to fill a seat vacated by outgoing Commissioner Reynard D. Grauly. This appointment is effective July 28, 2023.

“It is a testament to the importance of ethics in the State of Hawai‘i that such a qualified and experienced candidate is willing to serve and help ensure the highest standard of ethics for our state’s lawmakers, employees, and lobbyists,” said Robert D. Harris, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission.

Commissioner Thielen served in the Hawai‘i State House of Representatives for 30 years (1990 to 2020). She served as minority floor leader from 1992 to 1997 and was the assistant minority leader at the time of her retirement. Commissioner Thielen graduated from the University of Hawai‘i School of Law, and was a founding member of the law review

program. During her lengthy service to the State of Hawai‘i, she received many awards including “Outstanding Lawmaker of the Year for 1999,” presented by Small Business Hawai‘i, and the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i “Lifetime Achievement” award. Commissioner Thielen is a longtime resident of Windward O‘ahu, where she and her husband Mickey (now deceased) raised their four children.

“I am deeply honored by this appointment and believe we must uphold high ethical standards to bring back trust in our local government,” said Commissioner Cynthia Thielen.

The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission is responsible for administering and enforcing the state ethics code and the state lobbyist law. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor from nominations submitted by the Judicial Council and serve 4-year terms, without compensation. Commissioners may not hold any other public office. Commissioners must be U.S. Citizens and residents of the State of Hawai‘i. More information on the Ethics Commission and its work can be found at <http://ethics.hawaii.gov> or by following the Commission on Twitter [@HawaiiEthics](https://twitter.com/HawaiiEthics).

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