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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RESOLVES INVESTIGATION OF FORMER DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION EMPLOYEE

The State Ethics Commission resolved an investigation of Ted Shiraishi, former Administrative Rules Officer of the State of Hawai'i Department of Taxation, for violations of the post-employment law, Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 84-18(c). For one year after leaving state service, the post-employment law prohibits former state employees from communicating for pay with their former state agency. Mr. Shiraishi admitted that he had contacted his former department twice on behalf of his private employer during his one-year post-employment period. The Commission and Mr. Shiraishi settled the matter for an administrative penalty of \$2,000.00 and publication of <u>Resolution of Investigation 2023-2</u>.

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