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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ISSUES ADVISORY OPINION REGARDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS OR COACHES OFFERING PRIVATE SPORTS CLINICS FOR PAY

Today, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission published an Advisory Opinion regarding physical education teachers or coaches offering private sports clinics for pay. The decision concludes that sports clinics or similar private businesses open to and advertised to the public are not prohibited by the State Ethics Code, even if attended by the faculty member's students. It clarifies that this ruling applies only when the clinics are broadly open and advertised to the public, no state resources are used for promotion, and students are neither implicitly nor explicitly coerced into attending.

Advisory Opinion No. 2024-2 can be found at <https://bit.ly/4eeJPJb> or <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/AO2024-2.pdf>.

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About the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission is an independent state agency committed to promoting and ensuring ethical conduct in state government. Established to foster public trust, the Commission administers the state's ethics code and lobbyists law. For more information, visit ethics.hawaii.gov.