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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RESOLVES INVESTIGATION OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER MANAGER

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission resolved an investigation into Kris Coffield, Office Manager for Representative Jeanne Kapela, for a violation of the Fair Treatment provision of the Ethics Code.

Mr. Coffield was the co-chair of the Legislative Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. In this capacity, he sent an email from a private email account during State work hours. Mr. Coffield cooperated with the investigation and voluntarily resigned from his co-chair position.

The Commission and Mr. Coffield resolved the investigation by assessing a \$100 fine and publishing Resolution of Investigation No. 2024-1, which can be found at

<https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/ROI2024-1.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.