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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RESOLVES INVESTIGATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER

The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission resolved a Charge of Vera Alvarez, Department of Education Teacher, for violations of the Gifts and Fair Treatment provisions of the Ethics Code.

Ms. Alvarez is a teacher at Moanalua Elementary School and received cashier’s checks from a school volunteer.

The Commission and Ms. Alvarez resolved the Charge by: (1) assessing a \$5,000 administrative penalty; (2) requiring payment of \$34,000 in restitution to the donor; (3) requiring the return of three cashier’s checks in her possession; and (4) publishing Resolution of Charge No. 2024-3, which can be found at <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/ROC2024-03.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.