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HAWAI‘I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RELEASES 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission has released its 2024 Annual Report, showcasing a year of remarkable progress in ethics education, enforcement, and legislative advocacy. The full report is available at <https://ethics.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024HSECAnnualReport.pdf> or <https://bit.ly/40ZNVjY>.

The Commission’s 2024 efforts led to record-setting participation in ethics training, the highest administrative fines ever issued for ethics violations, and significant advancements in financial disclosure and lobbying oversight.

“Ethics are the cornerstone of good and honest government,” said Wesley Fong, Chair of the Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission. “This year, we’ve made significant strides in ensuring transparency and accountability across all levels of state government. Our record-breaking training participation and strict and meaningful enforcement of our state ethics laws are testimony to our commitment to ensure the highest ethical standards for the benefit of the people of Hawai‘i.”

Among the Commission’s key accomplishments:

- **Training Expansion:** Nearly 88% of state employees and 95% of board and commission members completed mandatory ethics training.
- **Enforcement Actions:** The Commission imposed its highest-ever administrative fines for ethics violations, reinforcing its commitment to accountability.
- **Legislative Reforms:** The Commission successfully advocated for new laws that strengthened financial disclosure requirements, raised the maximum administrative fines, and modernized the advisory process.
- **Public Engagement:** The Commission's reach and impact expanded due to enhanced accessibility to ethics resources, public forums, and partnerships with civic organizations.

“Our mission is not just to enforce ethics laws but to create a culture of ethical responsibility in Hawai‘i,” said Robert D. Harris, Executive Director & General Counsel. “From expanding education programs to modernizing compliance efforts, our focus remains on ensuring that ethics are not just rules to follow but values that guide public service.”

For a detailed overview of these initiatives and others, visit the Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission’s website at ethics.hawaii.gov.

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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 integrity, transparency, and accountability in government. The Commission administers the State Ethics Code and Lobbyists Law, ensuring ethical conduct in state government to foster public trust.