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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RESOLVES INVESTIGATION OF A CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IV

The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission resolved an investigation of Fagota Tataipu, Jr., a Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer IV, for violation of the fair treatment provision of the State Ethics Code. Mr. Tataipu, Jr., an employee at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, borrowed money (\$1,200) from employees under his supervision. Mr. Tataipu, Jr. cooperated with the investigation.

The Commission and Mr. Tataipu, Jr. resolved the Investigation by (1) assessing a \$1,500 administrative penalty and (2) publishing Settlement of Investigation 2025-1, which can be found at <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/SOI2025-1.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.