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GOVERNOR APPOINTS MOYA TIARE DAVENPORT GRAY TO HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Governor Josh Green has appointed Moya Tiare Davenport Gray to a four-year term on the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, filling the seat vacated by outgoing Commissioner Beverley D. Tobias. The appointment is effective immediately.

Gray brings more than three decades of public service, legal expertise, and leadership in state government to the Commission. She has served the Hawai'i State Senate across multiple legislative sessions — including as Senate Session Attorney to the Chair of the Judiciary Committee; Senate Research Attorney for the Committee on Ways and Means; and Committee Attorney for Judiciary and Labor — where she drafted, reviewed, and monitored complex legislation and advised committee leadership on policy impacts. She previously directed the State Office of Information Practices, overseeing Hawai'i's open records and open meetings laws, and has held roles ranging from Hearings Officer in the Judiciary to research attorney and solo practitioner. Her career also includes executive nonprofit leadership and extensive community service, including service on the Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission and participation in numerous privacy, transparency, and open-government initiatives. Her background reflects a deep commitment to ethics, good governance, and public trust.

"On behalf of the Commission, I am happy to welcome Commissioner Gray as a member of our Commission with all of her wealth of knowledge and dedicated public service," said Wesley Fong, Chair of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission. "She will be a definite asset to our Commission's ethics team."

"Moya's years of service to Hawai'i -- across the courts, the Legislature, and state agencies --demonstrate the depth of her dedication to ethical governance. She will be an invaluable resource to the Commission," said Robert D. Harris, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission administers and enforces the state ethics code and lobbyists law. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor from nominations submitted by the Judicial Council and serve four-year terms without compensation. Commissioners must be U.S. citizens, residents of Hawai'i, and may not hold any other public office. More information on the Ethics Commission and its work is available at ethics.hawaii.gov or by following the Commission on X at @HawaiiEthics.

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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.