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### STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES RESOLUTIONS IN A CHARGE AND AN INVESTIGATION

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") resolved two enforcement matters yesterday involving violations of the State Ethics Code.

#### Clayton Chan

The first matter involved a charge against Clayton Chan, former Program Specialist V with the Department of Health ("DOH"). While working at the DOH, Mr. Chan accepted outside employment with American Medical Response ("AMR"), a company that is regulated by, and under contract with, the DOH. As part of his DOH job, Mr. Chan was directly responsible for working with and overseeing matters involving AMR.

Following the Commission's investigation, Mr. Chan agreed to settle the charge by paying a \$1,000 administrative penalty, the maximum fine the Commission could impose for this offense. The Settlement of Charge 2026-1 is available at  
<https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/SOC2026-1.pdf>.

#### Kalima Kinney

The Commission also resolved an investigation involving Kalima Kinney, Principal of Volcano School of Arts and Sciences. On or about May 9, 2022, Ms. Kinney received a \$1,000 gift certificate for an online food delivery service from approximately five individuals. These individuals included a parent, four members of the school's supporting nonprofit

organization, and one person who also served on the school's Governing Board. The gift was given to celebrate Ms. Kinney's birthday and to thank her for her work as Principal.

Ms. Kinney cooperated with the Commission's investigation and agreed to repay the full \$1,000 to Volcano School and to pay a \$500 administrative penalty to the State of Hawai'i. The *Settlement of Investigation 2026-1* is available at <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/SOI2026-1.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](https://ethics.hawaii.gov).