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

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission resolved an investigation of Kapaihilaoukalani "Kapa" Umabayashi, a Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer III, for violation of the fair treatment provision of the State Ethics Code. Mr. Umabayashi, an employee at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, used state resources in an advertising video promoting a private business. Mr. Umabayashi cooperated with the investigation.

The Commission and Mr. Umabayashi resolved the Investigation by (1) assessing a \$300 administrative penalty and (2) publishing Settlement of Investigation 2026-2, which can be found at <https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/advice/SOI2026-2.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.