

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Resolution of Charge No. 2018-1

COMPL-C-17-00342

Dean Nishina, Executive Director
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Division of Consumer Advocacy

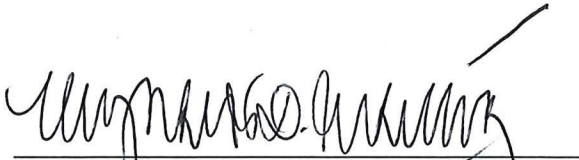
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The Financial Disclosure Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 84-17, requires state elected officials, members of state boards and commissions, and state employees holding certain positions to file an annual Disclosure of Financial Interests with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of financial disclosures is to ensure governmental accountability and transparency by identifying financial interests that may conflict with a state official's duties and responsibilities to the public. State officials who fail to comply with the disclosure requirements are subject to statutory fines and other administrative penalties. HRS § 84-17(i).

On October 2, 2017, the Commission issued a charge against Dean Nishina, Executive Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy, based on his failure to file a 2017 financial disclosure statement by the statutory deadline.

Mr. Nishina filed his financial disclosure on November 21, 2017 and has agreed to pay \$820.00, the full amount of the statutory penalty, to the State of Hawaii. Accordingly, the Commission and Mr. Nishina have agreed to resolve this matter upon publication of this Resolution of Charge. The Commission believes it is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest to resolve this matter without further administrative action.

Dated JAN 18 2018


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