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Legal Name	MOSES K. N. HAIA III
Please check preferred title:	Mr.
U.S. Citizen	Yes
Residential Address	[REDACTED] Honolulu, HI 96818 United States
Mailing Address (if other than your residence)	United States
Island of Residence	O'ahu
Residency in Hawai'i (Years)	69
Have You Lived in Hawaii For the Past 12 Months?	Yes
Name of Spouse	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	(808) [REDACTED]
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Current Profession/Occupation	Attorney
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Are you a member of a union?	No
Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?	No
Have you ever been convicted of any act, attempt or conspiracy to overthrow the state or the federal government by force or violence?	No
Please attach Letter of Interest:	[REDACTED]
Please attach Resume:	[REDACTED]
First choice board name	Commission on Water Resource Management
For Applications Completed With Assistance	

Acknowledgement of the State Ethics Commission Annual Disclosure of Financial Interests
Under the State Ethics Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Ch. 84, members of state boards and commissions who are appointed to terms of more than one year and whose functions are not "solely advisory" must file a financial disclosure statement with the State Ethics Commission. Statements, other than those of members of boards that head a state department as well as 15 boards and commissions affected by [Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 \(Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board of Agriculture, State Ethics Commission, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Board of Land and Natural Resources, Land Use Commission, Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Natural Area Reserves System Commission, Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority,](#)

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Public Utilities Commission and Commission on Water Resource Management), will be maintained confidential and neither published nor disclosed by the Ethics Commission without the member’s permission, during the member’s term, and for six years thereafter whereupon they will all be destroyed. Questions as to whether the members of a particular board must file a disclosure statement, or whether statements filed by the members of a particular board are subject to disclosure should be posed directly to the State Ethics Commission.

Authorization To Release/Disclose Information To Whom It May Concern:
In conjunction with the background check being conducted by the Office of the Governor for my possible appointment to a state board or commission, I hereby authorize the representative of the Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii, bearing this release, or copy thereof, to obtain information about me that you may have pertaining to my employment, military service, or education, including but not limited to academic, achievement, attendance, personal history, disciplinary actions, awards, and request of the bearer. This authorization to release is executed with my full knowledge and understanding that the information will be used in connection with my application for possible appointment to a state board or commission. **Name**

Moses Haia

Signature (Type Your Name in Below)

MOSES K. N. HAIA III

Date

Oct 03, 2024

Moses K. N. Haia III

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WORK HISTORY

- 2019 - Present *Solo Practitioner, The Law Office of Moses K. N. Haia III*
General practice of law with an emphasis on Native Hawaiian rights, labor and employment rights, estate planning.
- 2009- 2019 *Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation*
Supervision and direction of the daily operations of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation which included, but was not limited to, coordination of staff work product, training, technical assistance, fiscal management, compliance with applicable regulations of funding sources, program budget and resource allocation, and program development; i.e., fundraising, community outreach, and expansion of services.
- 2001 -2009 *Staff Attorney, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation*
Intake, case assessment, litigation, and advocacy on matters related to Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, Hawaiian Home Lands Trust issues, water rights, land title, and other matters related to the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians and, as a result, the community as a whole.
- 1997- 2001 *Solo Practitioner, The Law Office of Moses K. N. Haia III*
General practice of law. Emphasis on labor and employment law, civil litigation and Native Hawaiian rights
- 1995-1997 *Staff Attorney, Native Hawaiian Advisory Council*
Advocated for the protection and preservation of Native Hawaiian rights. Drafted proposed legislation to protect and preserve such rights and testified before state and county legislative bodies with respect to potential impact(s) of proposed legislation on such rights. Assisted in representing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the Waiahole Combined Contested Case Hearings before the State of Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management
- 1994-1997 *Associate Attorney, Wong, Oshima & Kondo*
Insurance defense and subrogation practice

1993 – 1994 *Legal Assistant, The Law Office of Dennis W. S. Chang*
Provided legal research and writing for labor law practice

EDUCATION

1994 *Juris Doctor*, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of
Hawaii at Manoa

1989 *Bachelor of Arts – Political Science* University of Hawaii at Manoa

1987 *Associate in Science – Legal Assistant* Kapiolani Community
College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1997 to 2006 *Board Member* Native Hawaiian Advisory Council

2002 to 2003 *Board Member* Native Hawaiian Bar Association

2009 to Present *Board Member* Hawai‘i Veterans Memorial Fund

2011 to 2017 *Board Member* Native American Rights Fund

2014 to 2015 *Board Member* Council For Native Hawaiian Advancement

2017 to 2018 *Board Member* Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

04/18/2009 Panelist, “Hawaiians Take Another Hit”, Olelo Programming on
Cutting Off State Funding to OHA

03/25/2009 Panelist, “Politics of Preservation: Hawaiian Struggles”, Pacific
Alternatives: Cultural Heritage and Political Innovation in Oceania
Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, East West Center.

09/27/2008 Panelist, “Hawaii State Historic Preservation Laws: Reclaiming the
Past, Shaping the Future” conference at Richardson School of Law

05/22/2007 Panelist, “Historic Preservation: Legal Framework and Issues”
Continuing Education Seminar for Lorman Education Services

11/18/2006 “The Damning of Traditional and Customary Native Hawaiian

	Water Use Rights”, presentation at the Native Water Law and Public Policy Conference, Cornell Law School
06/25/2006	Facilitator, “Moepu and Iwi Kupuna” presentation, `Aha Kane 2006, Native Hawaiian Men’s Health Conference, Kamehameha Schools
06/24/2006	Facilitator, “Kapu `Iewe” presentation, `Aha Kane 2006, Native Hawaiian Men’s Health Conference, Kamehameha Schools
05/16/2003	“Cultural Preservation” presentation at the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council Conference
02/28/2003	Panelist, “Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Conflict” & “Protecting and Strengthening Indigenous Cultural Values in the Global Economy” for conference at the University of Arizona
09/14/2002	“Exercising Native Hawaiian Rights” presentation at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement’s first annual conference
1996	<i>Editor</i> , E Alu Like Mai I Ka Pono Coming Together for Justice – a workbook for the advancement of Kanaka Maoli People
1994	Eric K. Yamamoto, Moses Haia & Donna Kalama, <i>Courts and the Cultural Performance: Native Hawaiians’ Uncertain Federal and State Law Rights to Sue</i> , 16 Hawaii L. Rev.1, (Summer 1994)

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March 11, 2025

STATE OF HAWAII COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RE: COMMISSIONER POSITION ON STATE OF HAWAII COMMISSION ON WATER
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Aloha mai kakou:

My name is Moses Kalei Nahonoapi'ilani Haia III. I write to you to confirm my very deep interest in the mission, duties, and obligations of the the State of Hawaii's Commission on Water Resource Management and its Commissioners important role as the people responsible for ensuring the mission, duties, and obligations of such Commission are respected, protected, and faithfully carried out.

My work over the last nearly three decades has focused on seeking and ensuring equal and proper justice by the application of restorative justice through sensible action rooted in culturally relevant norms.

As the executive director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation ("NHLC") from 2009 until 2019, I was responsible for carrying out NHLC's mission to perpetuate, through legal and other advocacy, the rights, customs and practices that strengthen Native Hawaiian identity and culture. In doing so, Hawaiians continue to strive to build a strong and confident foundation and grounding in who we are, our resulting kuleana and enduring obligation as such to our ancestors, our mo'opuna, and our fellow kanaka.

I very much look forward to hearing from you on next steps in this process.

Mahalo,

/s/ Moses K. N. Haia III
Moses K. N. Haia III