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ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED VACANCY
CHAIR, ELECTIONS COMMISSION, STATE OF HAWAII**

The Hawaii State Elections Commission is accepting applications for the position of Chair, Elections Commission, State of Hawaii.

The position is a four-year term. The Elections Commission is composed of eight members appointed by various legislators. The Chair is selected by a two-thirds vote of the members, presides over Commission meetings, and is the spokesperson for the Commission.

In accordance with HRS § 11-7.5, the duties of the Elections Commission are to hold public hearings; investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any violations and complaints; adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91; employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6; conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election officer within two months after the date a general election is certified; hold a public hearing on the performance of the chief election officer and consider the information gathered at the hearing in deliberations on the chief election officer's reappointment; and advise the chief election officer on matters relating to elections.

Pursuant to HRS § 11-8.5, the Commission develops and implements an election review program to review the operation and performance of elections; makes recommendations to the chief election officer on methods to improve elections; establishes policies for the administration of an elections observer program, to include ensuring the validity and reliability of election results; and conducts a biennial evaluation of the elections operations and submits the findings and recommendations to the legislature.

Elections Commission members serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties, HRS § 11-7(g). Elections Commission members are restricted from taking an active part in political management or in political campaigns, HRS § 11-8(a).

Applicants: Interested individuals should submit a resume with a cover letter via email to elections.commission@hawaii.gov or via mail to the Elections

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Commission, State of Hawaii, c/o Office of Elections, 802 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, HI 96782. Applications must be received by April 30, 2026 for consideration.