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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LAWSUITS

HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i State Senate Committee on Judiciary, chaired by **Senator Karl Rhoads** (Senate District 13 – Dowsett Highlands, Pu‘unui, Nu‘uanu, Pacific Heights, Pauoa, Punchbowl, Pālama, Liliha, Iwilei, Chinatown, and Downtown) will be holding an informational briefing to receive an update from the Department of the Attorney General about litigation where the State of Hawai‘i is the lead plaintiff or part of a coalition of plaintiffs that have filed a lawsuit against the President and his administration.

“The Committee wants to get a status update of the State of Hawai‘i’s numerous lawsuits filed against the Trump Administration,” said Senator Rhoads. “The Trump Administration has taken many actions of questionable legality, many of which negatively affect Hawai‘i residents.”

Lawsuits in a variety of areas are currently pending, ranging from challenges to funding cuts for keiki in our schools, to reductions in funding for medical research, to efforts to end birthright citizenship. In a majority of cases that have been ruled on to date, the courts have found in Hawai‘i’s favor.

“Hawai‘i and other states with Democratic attorneys general have made a successful effort in protecting federal funding and the rights of the people of Hawai‘i by securing injunctions against arbitrary and illegal actions,” said Attorney General Anne Lopez. “The people of Hawai‘i rightfully expect that the federal administration will act lawfully, and my department will work to protect the interests of Hawai‘i residents.”

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 mins)
2. Attorney General Anne Lopez, Solicitor General Kaliko'onālani Fernandes, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Dave Day, Department of the Attorney General (30 mins)
3. Questions from the Committee – 5 minutes per member for questions and answers (25 min)

WHEN/WHERE**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

10:00 A.M.

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Hawai'i State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

View the Hearing Notice [HERE](#)

No public testimony will be accepted.

This informational briefing is part of a series of informational briefings on the rule of law in relation to the recent actions of the Trump Administration and how its decisions are impacting Hawai'i.

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