

Mike McCartney

Chief of Staff to Governor Ige

State of Hawaii



Mike McCartney was born and raised in Kahalu'u, O'ahu. He is a graduate of Castle High School and Pacific University in Oregon. McCartney is married to Candace Furubayashi and has three children, Bricen, Jaren and Lauren.

Mike McCartney is the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor, appointed by Governor David Ige in December 2014.

He was the past President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state's tourism agency. Since joining the HTA in 2009, he has lead the agency to emerge from tough economic times for Hawai'i's visitor industry. In 2013, Hawaii's tourism economy provided \$14.5 billion in visitor spending, contributing \$1.6 billion in state tax revenue, and supported 175,000 jobs.

Prior to joining HTA, McCartney was the Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. He has served as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Resources Management, President and Chief Executive Officer of PBS Hawai'i, and was also elected to the Hawai'i State Senate where he served for 10 years.

McCartney currently serves on the board of the Carole Kai Charities and the Great Aloha Run, Winners at Work and volunteers for the Hökule'a Worldwide Voyage.

