

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-01

WHEREAS, except as otherwise provided in chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, pursuant to section 26-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with the approval of the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the head of a department may establish or abolish any subordinate office or position, transfer officers and employees between positions, appoint and remove any subordinate, and change duties, titles, and compensation of officers and positions as is deemed necessary by the head of the department for the efficient functioning of the department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 26-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Department of the Attorney General is headed by a single executive known as the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 28-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Attorney General is authorized to appoint a First Deputy Attorney General and other Deputy Attorneys General, as the exigencies of the public service may require, who shall perform duties as the Attorney General may require; and

WHEREAS, other states have established a position called the "Senior Deputy Counsel," to assist their respective attorneys general in representing the interests of the states; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Deputy Attorney General to serve as Senior Deputy Counsel will assist in the handling of important matters in which the State of Hawaii is involved; especially as to the litigating of complex civil and criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Deputy Attorney General to serve as Senior Deputy Counsel will assist the Attorney General in providing important litigation advice to government officials; will improve the handling of specific matters involving complex legal challenges to the State; will assist the Attorney General in managing complex civil cases and determining the appropriate legal positions to pursue; will assist the Attorney General in prosecuting the criminal cases; and will assist the Attorney General in pursuing matters of vital interest to state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii, hereby authorize and approve the designation by the Attorney General of the position

Senior Deputy Counsel to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General and with all of the powers and duties as may be assigned by the Attorney General.

The position of Senior Deputy Counsel shall serve as a key advisor to the Attorney General and shall handle or oversee cases as well as other important legal matters of the State, as may be directed or assigned by the Attorney General.

A Deputy Attorney General designated as Senior Deputy Counsel shall represent the Attorney General and the State of Hawaii before the state courts and the federal courts of the United States, as the Attorney General may determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,  
State of Hawaii, this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of May, 2019.



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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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CLARE E. CONNORS  
Attorney General