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Thursday, September 11, 2025

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO HOST INFO BRIEFING ON THE EROSION OF DEMOCRATIC NORMS

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Judiciary, chaired by **Senator Karl Rhoads** (Senate District 13 – Dowsett Highlands, Pu'unui, Nu'uau, Pacific Heights, Pauoa, Punchbowl, Pālama, Liliha, Iwilei, Chinatown, and Downtown) will be holding an informational briefing to hear from Professor Colin Moore (Ph.D. Department of Government, Harvard, 2009) about the erosion of democratic norms in the United States and how that trend is affecting and will affect the residents of the State of Hawai'i. All opinions expressed by Professor Moore are his own.

"The Committee is looking to gain an informed historical context for patterns surrounding the current administration's decisions," said Senator Rhoads. "The Trump Administration is continuing to take actions of questionable legality which are negatively affecting Hawai'i residents."

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (7 minutes)
2. Professor Moore's Presentation on the Erosion of Democratic Norms in the United States (30 minutes)
3. Questions from the Committee – 5 minutes per Member for Questions and Answers

WHEN/WHERE

10:00 AM Thursday, September 18, 2025
Conference Room 016 & [Videoconference](#)
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

View the Hearing Notice [HERE](#)

As is normal with informational briefings, 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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