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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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April 2, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith to the Senate for its advice and consent, the nomination of Vladimir P. Devens to serve as the Chief Justice on the Hawai'i State Supreme Court for a term of ten years. He will be replacing Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald who retired on September 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

c: The Honorable Vladimir P. Devens, Associate Justice, Hawai'i State Supreme Court
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Sabrina S. McKenna, Acting Chief Justice
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chairperson, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Brandon M. Kimura, Administrative Director of the Courts, Hawai'i State Judiciary
Judicial Selection Commission