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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

HEATHER BATES,
Petitioner/Petitioner-Appellant,

vs.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COURTS,
Respondent/Respondent-Appellee.

CERTIORARI TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
(CAAP-24-0000827; CASE NO. 1DAA-24-00005)

ORDER ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
(By: Devens, C.J., McKenna, Eddins, and Ginoza, JJ.,
and Circuit Judge Drewyer, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Pursuant to this court’s discretion set forth in Hawai‘i Revised Statutes § 602-59(a), the court accepts Petitioner/Petitioner-Appellant Heather Bates’ application for writ of certiorari filed on August 11, 2026.

Under Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedure (HRAP) Rule 40.1, this court “may limit the question on review.” Here, we limit the question on review to question presented “B” of Petitioner’s application for writ of certiorari.

It is further ordered, that no oral argument will be heard in this case. Any party may, within ten days and pursuant to HRAP Rule 34(c), move for retention of oral argument.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 12, 2026.

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Michelle L. Drewyer

