



Lawmakers appoint Les Kondo as new state auditor

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Les Kondo

The legislature held a special joint session Friday to appoint a new state auditor.

The state House and Senate voted to approve Les Kondo. He is currently the executive director and chief legal counsel of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Prior to that, he was a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission and headed the Office of Information Practices from 2003 to 2007.

“My expectation is that the state auditor, just like the state ethics commission, is there to foster confidence in state government, to make sure that state money and state agencies are operating as efficiently and as effectively as they’re supposed to,” Kondo said.

Kondo’s eight-year term starts May 1.

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