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#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF IN KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS CASES**

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that the State of Hawaii filed a motion seeking permission to file amicus curiae ("friend of the court") briefs in the two related Kamehameha Schools cases currently being litigated in the United States District Court of Hawaii: Doe v. Kamehameha Schools, Civ. No. CV03-00316 ACK LEK, and Mohica-Cummings v. Kamehameha Schools, Civ. No. CV03-00441 DAE BMK.

The State of Hawaii Seeks to submit briefs supporting the legality of Kamehameha Schools' admission policy of granting preference to Native Hawaiian children.

Attorney General Bennett stated: "We believe that Kamehameha Schools' admissions policy does not violate federal law and is both consistent with and supportive of the State of Hawaii's long-standing commitment to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. We support the position of Kamehameha Schools in the lawsuits."

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