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**FEDERAL COURT DECLINES TO RULE ON
REQUEST TO CLARIFY SCOPE OF TRAVEL BAN**

HONOLULU – Hawaii federal district court Judge Derrick K. Watson today denied the State of Hawaii's motion to clarify the scope of the injunction regarding the travel and refugee bans in *Hawaii v. Trump*. In its order today, the court specifically did not address the substance of either party's arguments regarding the proper scope of the injunction. Rather, the order focused exclusively on the procedural question regarding which court is the appropriate forum to decide the merits of Hawaii's motion.

Attorney General Doug Chin said, "The key takeaway from Judge Watson's order is that he declined to address the specific merits of our request to clarify the scope of the injunction of the travel and refugee bans. The scope of the travel and refugee bans badly needs to be resolved and not just according to the Trump Administration's interpretation. While we understand Judge Watson's direction to address our request to the United States Supreme Court, we must evaluate that against the normal course of order as it relates to appeals and the clarification of injunctions. Whatever course it takes, we will get this resolved."

A copy of the order is attached.

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