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Your VOTE is important!

Notice of 2016
Annual Meeting of Shareholders
and Proxy Statement

Meeting Date: April 29, 2016

Bank of Hawaii Corporation
130 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Bank of Hawaii Corporation
130 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 18, 2016

Dear Shareholder:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Bank of Hawaii Corporation will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. on the Fifth Floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, 111 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Each shareholder may be asked to present valid picture identification. Shareholders holding stock in brokerage accounts will need to bring a copy of a brokerage statement reflecting stock ownership as of the record date.

The Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement accompanying this letter describe the business we will consider and vote upon at the meeting. A report to shareholders on the affairs of Bank of Hawaii Corporation also will be given and shareholders will have the opportunity to discuss matters of interest concerning the Company.

For reasons explained in the accompanying Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Proposal 1: Election of Directors, FOR Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation, and FOR Proposal 3: Ratification of the Re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2016 fiscal year.

Your vote is very important. Please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card and mail it promptly in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope, even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. If you wish to do so, your proxy may be revoked at any time before voting occurs at the Annual Meeting. You may also vote and change your vote by telephone or via the Internet until 1:00 a.m. Central Time, April 29, 2016.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Ho Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive
Officer, and
President

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be held April 29, 2016

To Our Shareholders:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Bank of Hawaii Corporation will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. on the Fifth Floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, 111 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, for the following purposes:

1. To elect 12 persons to serve as directors of the Company for a term of one year each until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.
2. To hold an advisory vote on executive compensation.
3. To ratify the re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2016 fiscal year.
4. To transact any other business that may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Shareholders of record of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock (NYSE: BOH) at the close of business on February 29, 2016 are entitled to attend the meeting and vote on the business brought before it.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. However, if you cannot attend the meeting, your shares may still be voted by telephone or via the Internet, or you may complete, sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Mark A. Rossi
Vice Chairman and Corporate Secretary
Bank of Hawaii Corporation

Honolulu, Hawaii

Dated: March 18, 2016

IMPORTANT

Please sign and return the enclosed proxy card or vote by telephone or on the Internet as promptly as possible. This will save the expense of a supplementary solicitation.

Thank you for acting promptly.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on April 29, 2016.

The Proxy Statement and the Bank of Hawaii Corporation 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2015 are available at www.edocumentview.com/boh. We encourage you to access and review all of the information in the proxy materials before voting.

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PROXY STATEMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Bank of Hawaii Corporation (the “Company”) is soliciting the enclosed proxy for the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The proxy statement, proxy card, and the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders and Annual Report on Form 10-K are being distributed to the Company's shareholders on or about March 18, 2016.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROXY MATERIALS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Q: What is a proxy?

A: A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote the shares you own. That other person that you designate is called a proxy and is required to vote your shares in the manner you instruct. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document also is called a proxy or a proxy card. If you vote by phone or via the Internet, you will have designated Mark A. Rossi and/or Nathan Sult to act as your proxy to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting in the manner you direct.

Q: What am I voting on?

A: You are voting on the election of twelve directors, the Company's executive compensation as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and related tables, the ratification of the re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2016 fiscal year, and any other business that may be properly brought before the meeting. Your votes on the Company's executive compensation and the ratification of the re-appointment of the Company's independent public accounting firm are advisory only, and will not bind the Company.

Q: Who may vote at the annual meeting?

A: Shareholders of record of Bank of Hawaii Corporation's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as of the close of business on February 29, 2016 (the “Record Date”) are entitled to attend and vote at the annual meeting. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote. On the Record Date, there were 43,254,033 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

Q: How many shares must be present to hold the annual meeting?

A: The holders of at least one-third of the outstanding common stock on the Record Date entitled to vote at the annual meeting must be present to conduct business. That amount is called a quorum. Shares are counted as present at the meeting if a shareholder entitled to vote is present and votes at the meeting, or has submitted a properly signed proxy in writing, or by voting by telephone or via the Internet. We also count abstentions and broker non-votes as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

Q: What shares can I vote?

A: You may vote all shares you own on the Record Date.

Q: Why did I receive a one-page notice (the “Notice”) in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials this year instead of a full set of proxy materials?

A: The rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) allow companies to furnish proxy materials by providing access to such documents on the Internet instead of mailing a printed copy of proxy materials to each shareholder of record. Shareholders who previously requested to receive printed copies of proxy materials by mail will continue to receive them by mail. Shareholders who have not previously indicated a preference for printed copies of proxy materials are receiving the Notice this year. The Notice provides instructions on how to access and

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review all of the proxy materials and how to submit your proxy via the Internet. If you would like to receive a printed or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, please follow the instructions for requesting such materials in the Notice.

Q: Why am I being asked to vote on executive compensation?

A: In 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) was enacted, requiring that public company shareholders be given the opportunity for a general advisory vote regarding the compensation paid to named executive officers. This non-binding vote must occur annually, biannually, or triennially. At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2011, our shareholders strongly supported an annual vote on executive compensation and, in light of that preference, the Board determined to hold the advisory vote annually until next determined in 2017.

Q: How can I vote my shares in person at the annual meeting?

A: If you are a shareholder of record, you can attend the annual meeting and vote in person the shares you hold directly in your name as the shareholder of record. If you choose to do that, please bring the enclosed proxy card or notice, admission ticket, and proof of identification. If you hold your shares in street name, you must vote your shares through your broker or other nominee.

Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, we recommend you also submit your proxy so your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the annual meeting.

Q: How can I vote my shares without attending the annual meeting?

A: You may vote without attending the annual meeting. If you hold your shares as the shareholder of record, you may instruct the proxies how to vote your shares by mail, telephone, or the Internet. If your shares are held by a broker or other nominee, you will receive instructions that you must follow to have your shares voted. Please refer to the summary instructions below and those on your proxy card, or, for shares held in street name, the voting instruction card sent by your broker or nominee.

Mail. You may mail your proxy by signing your proxy card or, for shares held in street name, the voting instruction card included by your broker or nominee, and mailing it in the enclosed, postage-paid return envelope. If you provide specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as you instruct. If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by the Board.

Telephone. If you live in the United States, you may submit your proxy by following the “Vote by Telephone” instructions on the proxy card.

Internet. If you have Internet access, you may submit your proxy by following the “Vote by Internet” instructions on your proxy card.

Q: May I change my vote?

A: Yes. You may change your proxy instructions any time before the vote at the annual meeting. For shares you hold as shareholder of record, you may change your vote by providing notice to the Corporate Secretary, granting a new proxy with a later date or by attending the annual meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the annual meeting will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you also vote at the meeting. If you voted by telephone or via the Internet, you may change your vote until 1:00 a.m. Central Time, April 29, 2016. For shares you hold in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker or nominee.

Q: What is a broker non-vote?

A: The NYSE allows its member-brokers to vote shares held by them for their customers on matters the NYSE determines are routine, even though the brokers have not received voting instructions from their customers. Of the proposals anticipated to be brought at the annual meeting, only Proposal 3 (the ratification of the re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2016 fiscal year) is considered by the NYSE to be a routine matter. Your broker, therefore, may vote your shares in its discretion on Proposal 3 if you do not instruct your broker how to vote. If the NYSE does not consider a matter routine, then your

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broker is prohibited from voting your shares on the matter unless you have given voting instructions on that matter to your broker. Therefore, your broker will need to return a proxy card without voting on these non-routine matters if you do not give voting instructions with respect to these matters. This is referred to as a "broker non-vote." The NYSE does not consider Proposal 1 (election of Directors) or Proposal 2 (advisory vote on executive compensation) to be routine matters, so your broker may not vote on these matters in its discretion. It is important, therefore, that you provide instructions to your broker if your shares are held by a broker so that your vote is counted with respect to these non-routine matters.

Q: What are the voting procedures?

Under our Certificate of Incorporation, Directors are elected annually by majority vote (Proposal 1). This means that a director is elected if the number of votes cast for the nominee exceed the number of votes cast against the A: nominee. In the event of a contested election, the election is determined by plurality vote. This means that the nominees who receive the highest number of affirmative votes are elected. Abstentions and broker non-votes do not affect the outcome of the vote.

Both the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 2) and the ratification of the reappointment of our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 3) are also decided by majority vote. For Proposal 2, broker non-votes will be treated as not entitled to vote and will not affect the outcome. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes cast against the proposal. For Proposal 3, your broker, bank, trustee, or other nominee may exercise its discretion and vote.

Q: Why are there only 12 Directors on the ballot for election?

Sitting directors Martin A. Stein and Donald M. Takaki have reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 and are A: not standing for re-election. The number of directors to be elected has been reduced and fixed by the Board from 14 to 12 directors.

Q: Is my vote confidential?

Yes. We have procedures to ensure that, regardless of whether shareholders vote by mail, telephone, the Internet, or A: in person, all proxies, ballots and voting tabulations that identify shareholders are kept permanently confidential, except as disclosure may be required by federal or state law or as expressly permitted by a shareholder. We also have the voting tabulations performed by an independent third party.

Q: Who will bear the cost of soliciting proxies?

We will pay the cost of this proxy solicitation. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, we expect that a number of our employees on behalf of the Board will solicit proxies from shareholders, personally, and by telephone, the Internet, facsimile, or other means. None of these employees will receive any additional or special compensation A: for soliciting proxies. We have retained Georgeson, Inc., 480 Washington Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 to assist in the solicitation of proxies for an estimated fee of \$10,000 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. We will, upon request, reimburse brokers or other nominees for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding proxy materials to their customers who are beneficial owners and obtaining their voting instructions.

Q: What does it mean if I get more than one proxy card?

It means your shares are registered differently and are held in more than one account. Sign and return all proxy A: cards or vote each proxy card by telephone or Internet, to ensure all your shares are voted. To provide better shareholder services, we encourage you to have all accounts registered in the same name and address. You may do that by contacting our transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services (1-888-660-5443).

Q: May I propose actions for consideration at next year's annual meeting of shareholders?

Yes. You may submit proposals for consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders by presenting your A: proposal in writing to the Corporate Secretary at 130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and in accordance with the following schedule and requirements.

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Proposals To Be Included In The Proxy Statement and Voted On At The Meeting. Proposals that shareholders wish to have included in the proxy statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be made in accordance with SEC Rule 14a-8. Proposals must be received by the Company's Corporate Secretary on or before November 18, 2016 at the above address.

Proposals To Be Voted On At The Meeting Only. Under Section 1.12 of the Company's Bylaws, for a shareholder to bring a proposal before the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Company must receive the written proposal no later than 80 days nor earlier than 90 days before the first anniversary of the 2016 annual meeting; in other words, no later than February 8, 2017 and no earlier than January 29, 2017. The proposal also must contain the information required in the Bylaws. If you wish to make one or more nominations for election to the Board, the required information includes, among other things, the written consent of such individual to serve as director and (i) the name, age, business address and, if known, residence address of each nominee, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of each nominee, and (iii) the number of shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock each nominee beneficially owns. These advance notice provisions are separate from the requirements a shareholder must meet to have a proposal included in the proxy statement under SEC rules. By complying with these provisions, a shareholder may present a proposal in person at the meeting, but will not be entitled to have the proposal included in the Company's proxy statement unless they comply with the requirements described in the preceding paragraph. Persons holding proxies solicited by the Board may exercise discretionary authority to vote against such proposals.

Q: Where can I find the voting results of the annual meeting?

A: We plan to announce preliminary voting results at the annual meeting. We will publish final voting results in a report on Form 8-K within four business days of the annual meeting.

Q: What happens if the meeting is postponed or adjourned?

A: Your proxy will remain valid and may be voted at the postponed or adjourned meeting. You will still be able to change or revoke your proxy until it is voted.

Q: Where can I find out more information about the Company before the annual meeting?

A: You can find more information about the Company on-line at: www.boh.com.

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PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company’s Certificate of Incorporation requires that the Company’s Board consist of not fewer than three directors and not more than 15 directors, with the exact number to be determined by the Board. The Board has fixed the number of directors at 12. Each of the 12 directors listed below has been nominated for a one-year term to serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. In the event that any or all of the director nominees are unable to stand for election as director, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, may select different nominees for election as directors.

Certain information with respect to each of the nominees is set forth below, including his or her principal occupation, qualifications, and directorships during the past five years. Each nominee has consented to serve and all nominees are currently serving on the Company’s Board. The nominees were each recommended to the Board by the Company’s Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee whose goal is to assemble a board that operates cohesively, encourages candid communication and discussion, and focuses on activities that help the Company maximize shareholder value. The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee also looks at the individual strengths of directors, their ability to contribute to the board, and whether their skills and experience complement those of the other directors. A more detailed discussion on the nomination process and the criteria the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee considers in their evaluation of director candidates is found in the Corporate Governance section which begins on page 13.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote “FOR” each of the nominees.

Name, Age, and Year First Elected as Director	Principal Occupation(s) and Qualifications	Other Public Directorships Held in the Last 5 Years
S. Haunani Apoliona; 66; 2004	Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (“OHA”) (entity established by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to improve the conditions and protect the entitlements of Native Hawaiians). Ms. Apoliona was elected OHA Trustee in 1996, and was re-elected to her 5th four-year term in 2012. Ms. Apoliona has dedicated more than 30 years working with and on behalf of Native Hawaiians. As Chairman of the OHA Board from 2000 through 2010 and Trustee of OHA since 1996, she has led the pursuit of Federal Recognition for Native Hawaiians, resolution of long-standing ceded land revenue disputes, and a vast array of advocacy initiatives for Native Hawaiians. Prior to OHA, she was President and Chief Executive Officer of Alu Like, a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist Native Hawaiians in achieving social and economic self-sufficiency, including workforce training, vocational education, and training in entrepreneurship, business development and computer technology. Ms. Apoliona studied at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa graduating with Double Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Liberal Arts (Hawaiian Studies) and a Master's Degree from the School of Social Work. She serves on the board of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. Ms. Apoliona’s knowledge of Native Hawaiian affairs and with cultural and charitable causes in Hawaii gives her a unique perspective on the values and interests of our core market, which pervade the business environment. These insights inform the discussion at both the Board and on the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee on which all of the independent directors serve.	—

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Name, Age, and Year First Elected as Director	Principal Occupation(s) and Qualifications	Other Public Directorships Held in the Last 5 Years
Mary G. F. Bitterman; 71; 1994	<p>Dr. Bitterman has served as President and Director of the Bernard Osher Foundation (a 39 year-old philanthropic organization headquartered in San Francisco that supports higher education and the arts) since 2004. Previously, Dr. Bitterman was President and CEO of the James Irvine Foundation, an independent grant-making foundation serving Californians, and before that President and CEO of KQED, one of the major public broadcasting centers in the United States, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority, Director of the Voice of America, and Director of the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (and simultaneously ex-officio Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Commissioner of Securities, and Insurance Commissioner). Until BlackRock’s acquisition of Barclays Global Investors (“BGI”) in 2009, she was a member of the BGI board for nine years, serving on the Audit & Risk Committee as well as chairing the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee. Dr. Bitterman currently serves as a director of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Commonwealth Club of California and Board Chair of the PBS Foundation, and an Advisory Council member of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and the Public Policy Institute of California. She is an Honorary Member of the National Presswomen’s Federation and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Dr. Bitterman received her bachelor of arts degree from Santa Clara University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College. Dr. Bitterman’s considerable experience in broadcasting, media and public policy, her experience as a regulator with authority over Bank of Hawaii and other state-chartered banks, her service on the board of a large mutual fund complex and its key committees, and her deep understanding of the Company and the financial services industry provide her with broad expertise across a range of issues of critical importance to the Company’s activities in a highly regulated and public facing environment. Dr. Bitterman has gained extensive and valuable Company insight from her tenure as Lead Independent Director of the Board and she serves ex-officio as a member of each of the Board’s standing committees.</p>	—
Mark A. Burak; 67; 2009	<p>Retired. Formerly an independent consultant providing planning and business performance evaluation advisory services, and Executive Vice President for Planning, Analysis and Performance Measurement, Bank of America, having retired in 2000 after more than thirty years of service. Mr. Burak held various accounting and finance positions based in Chicago, London, San Francisco, and Charlotte at Bank of America and the former Continental Illinois National Bank, now part of Bank of America. As a consultant for Bank of Hawaii from late 2000 through 2003, he oversaw the development of the strategic plan and restructured the Company’s management accounting processes, including the implementation of a capital</p>	—

allocation methodology and development of a formal business unit performance evaluation process. Among other positions, Mr. Burak served as Controller, Managing Director of Management Accounting & Analysis, Business Segment Controller, and Regional Controller for Europe and Asia for the former Continental Illinois National Bank. Mr. Burak is a Certified Public Accountant. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Honolulu Museum of Art and additionally as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He is a member of Financial Executives International, having served on several local chapter boards and as President of the San Francisco Chapter, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Burak received his bachelor's degree in business administration in public accounting from Loyola University of Chicago and his M.B.A. in finance from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. Mr. Burak's career in accounting, finance and strategic planning for major banking organizations brings a high level of sophistication to his participation in Board discussion of a wide range of financial, strategic planning and operating matters, and his prior engagement as a consultant to Bank of Hawaii gives him direct knowledge of our business. His professional experience and educational background led the Board to appoint him to its Audit & Risk Committee and to designate him as a financial expert on that Committee. Along with all of the other independent directors, Mr. Burak also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

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Name, Age, and Year First Elected as Director	Principal Occupation(s) and Qualifications	Other Public Directorships Held in the Last 5 Years
Michael J. Chun; 72; 2004	<p>Retired. Formerly President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama (a college preparatory school serving children of Hawaiian ancestry) from 2001 - 2012 and President, Kamehameha Schools from 1988 - 2012. As President and Headmaster, he was responsible for the leadership, financial management, administration and effectiveness of the college preparatory education program at the flagship Kapalama campus. Prior to his appointment at Kamehameha Schools, Dr. Chun was Vice President of Park Engineering, a Honolulu engineering consulting firm. He also served as Chief Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu and taught at the University of Hawaii where he directed graduate instruction and research in environmental engineering. In addition to being a director of Matson, Inc. (a shipping company that split from Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. in 2012), he serves on the boards of various professional and community organizations, including Hawaii Medical Services Association, the Metropolitan Board of the YMCA of Honolulu, and Bishop Museum. Dr. Chun received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and his Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the University of Kansas, and his M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Hawaii. Dr. Chun's leadership of one of Hawaii's premier educational institutions both provides him with insights into key segments of our markets and customer base and, together with his engineering background, assists the Board in its consideration of a range of operational matters. These insights inform the discussion at both the Board and on the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee on which all of the independent directors serve.</p>	Matson, Inc., Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.
Clinton R. Churchill; 72; 2001	<p>Trustee, The Estate of James Campbell (an organization administering the assets held in trust under the will of James Campbell) since 1992 (Chairman 1998, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016). Mr. Churchill served as COO and CEO of The Estate of James Campbell prior to becoming one of its Trustees. He also served as Controller, Financial Vice President, and President of Gaspro, Inc. and three years as a management consultant with Touche Ross & Co. Mr. Churchill serves as a member of the Military Affairs Council and President of the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor. He received his bachelor of science degree in business and his M.B.A. in management and finance from the University of Arizona. Mr. Churchill's long association with the Estate of James Campbell (now the James Campbell Company LLC), a nationally diversified real estate company and a major Hawaii landowner, has given him a broad perspective on business affairs in the Company's core market as well as a deep knowledge of an industry that represents a large portion of our customer base. That perspective as well as Mr. Churchill's background in financial accounting led the Board to appoint him to its Audit & Risk Committee, which he chairs. Along with all of the other independent directors, Mr. Churchill also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.</p>	—

Peter S. Ho;
50; 2009

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since July 2010; President since April 2008; Vice Chairman and Chief Banking Officer from January 2006 to April 2008; Vice Chairman, Investment Services from April 2004 to December 2005; and Executive Vice President, Hawaii Commercial Banking Group from February 2003 to April 2004. Bank of Hawaii has been ranked in the top 10 of America's best banks by Forbes for the past seven consecutive years. In 2015, Mr. Ho was elected to serve a second three-year term on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. In 2010, Mr. Ho was named Chairman of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation ("APEC") 2011 Hawaii Host Committee, a public-private entity comprised of private sector, labor and elected leaders created to support Hawaii, the country and President Obama's hosting of APEC Leaders Week in November 2011. Mr. Ho is active in the Hawaii community and serves on several boards, including the Hawaii Medical Service Association, Aloha United Way, American Red Cross-Hawaii, Hawaii Community Foundation, McInerney Foundation, Shane Victorino Foundation, the Strong Foundation, Catholic Charities-Hawaii, the East-West Center, and the Hawaii Bankers Association. He is a member of the Financial Services Roundtable, the Hawaii Business Roundtable, the Hawaii Asia Pacific Association, the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce - Military Affairs Council Executive Committee, and the National Host Committee for International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. Mr. Ho was named Young Business Person of the Year by Pacific Business News in 2003. In 2012, Mr. Ho was recognized as Hawaii's distinguished citizen by the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Ho holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. He is also a 2008 graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. Mr. Ho's long career at Bank of Hawaii, his management responsibilities for all aspects of the Company's banking operations and his deep knowledge of our markets, community and culture all qualify him for service on our Board.

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Robert Huret; 70; 2000	<p>Since 1998, Founding Partner of FTV Capital, a multi-stage private equity firm whose limited partners include many of the world's foremost financial institutions. Mr. Huret is also Chairman of Huret Rothenberg & Co. a private investment firm, and is a director of Cloudmark, Inc. and Financial Engines, Inc. Previously he was a senior consultant to Montgomery Securities. He has served as Senior Vice President, Finance and Trust Executive Officer at the Bank of California. Mr. Huret was also Vice President of Planning and Mergers and Acquisitions at First Chicago Corporation. He has 48 years of commercial banking, investment banking and private equity investment experience. He has participated in over 100 bank and bank-related mergers, public offerings and joint ventures, with an emphasis on technology companies focused in the financial services industry. He has served as Trustee of Cornell University and San Francisco University High School. He received his bachelor of science degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and his M.B.A. with distinction from Harvard University. Mr. Huret's knowledge of the commercial and investment banking business, his experience in finance and investment activities and his participation in strategic transactions across the financial services spectrum give him a broad and deep perspective on all facets of our business. These qualifications led the Board to appoint him to its Audit & Risk Committee, to designate him as a financial expert, and to appoint him Vice Chairman of the Committee. Along with all of the other independent directors, Mr. Huret also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.</p>	Financial Engines, Inc.
Kent T. Lucien; 62; 2006	<p>Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since April 2008; Trustee, C. Brewer & Co. Ltd., (a Hawaii corporation engaged in agriculture, real estate and power production) from April 2006 to December 2007; and Chief Executive Officer Operations, C. Brewer & Co., Ltd. from May 2001 to April 2006. He also held the positions of Controller and Chief Financial Officer and various other executive positions at C. Brewer & Co., Ltd. Prior to C. Brewer & Co., Ltd., Mr. Lucien worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). Mr. Lucien serves on the board of Wailuku Water Company LLC. Mr. Lucien received his bachelor's degree from Occidental College and his M.B.A. from Stanford University. Mr. Lucien's senior executive experience in significant Hawaiian businesses and his background in finance and accounting led the Board to nominate him as a director in 2006 and, prior to becoming the Company's Chief Financial Officer, to serve on the Audit & Risk Committee as its chair and to be designated as a financial expert. These qualifications, coupled with his deep knowledge of the Company's finances gained in his current role continue to qualify him for Board service.</p>	Maui Land & Pineapple Co., Inc.

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Victor K. Nichols; 59; 2014	<p>Chief Executive Officer of Valassis, a media and marketing services company since April 2015. Previously, Mr. Nichols was Chief Executive Officer of North America and President of Global Consumer Services for Experian, the leading global information services company providing data and analytical tools to clients around the world. Experian helps businesses manage credit risk, prevent fraud, target marketing and automate decision making, while enabling individuals to better manage creditworthiness and protect themselves against identity theft. While with Experian from 2007 to 2014, Mr. Nichols' also served as Chief Executive Officer for the United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe, Middle East and Africa and Managing Director of Global Marketing Services, and as Group President, Experian Interactive. Prior to joining Experian, he was with Wells Fargo & Company for seven years where he served as Chief Information Officer and a member of the management committee, leading all key technology functions at the financial institution. Mr. Nichols was past President and founding partner of VICOR, Inc., an advanced technology engineering firm leading business transformation with a concentration in the financial services industry. His experience in information technology and the financial industry also included senior management positions at Bank of America in interstate banking integration, consumer loan services, and operations. Mr. Nichols is a director and a member of the audit committee of Bridgepoint Education, Inc. (a higher education company that includes three academic institutions). Mr. Nichols is also an independent agent serving as a part time Senior Advisor to Boston Consulting Group. In addition, he is a member of the Economics Leadership Council, University of California, San Diego and serves on, or as an advisor to, several boards including Crystal Cove Alliance and FTV Capital, Inc. He also recently served on the Leadership Council for UCI Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences and on the Dean's Advisory Board, University of California, Irvine Merage School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of California, San Diego, and an M.B.A. in finance from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Nichols' 28 years of experience and knowledge in both information technology and the financial services industry as well as his background and expertise in strategic planning add a valuable global perspective to the Board in understanding the increasingly important role information technology has in the financial services industry. These qualifications led the Board to appoint him to its Audit & Risk Committee and to designate him as a financial expert on that Committee. Along with other independent directors, Mr. Nichols also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.</p>	Bridgepoint Education, Inc.
Barbara J. Tanabe; 66; 2004	<p>Owner, Ho'akea Communications, LLC (a public affairs company) since 2003. — Ms. Tanabe has expertise in communications and issues management with over 30 years of experience in public affairs, crisis management, and broadcast journalism in the United States and Asia. She served as President and CEO of</p>	

Hill & Knowlton/Communications Pacific and her own consulting firm, Pacific Century, where she counseled executives and government officials in the areas of cross-cultural communications, crisis and issues management, and news media management. Ms. Tanabe was one of the first Asian-American women journalists in the nation, and pioneered news coverage of issues dealing with ethnic minorities, diversity, and civil rights. She co-founded a public policy research firm, Hawaii Institute of Public Affairs, which produced studies resulting in legislation to promote economic development in Hawaii. She is co-chair and founder of the Hawaii Chapter of Women Corporate Directors, and serves as a member of the boards of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii, the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, and the Pacific Forum (The Asia affiliate of the Center for Strategic and International Studies). She has served on numerous task forces on special assignment with the chief justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court, and completed a gubernatorial appointment to the East-West Center as vice-chair of the audit and finance committee. In 2013, she received the distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Hawaii. She received her bachelor of arts degree in communications from the University of Washington and an M.B.A. from the University of Hawaii. Ms. Tanabe's expertise in and sensitivity to public policy matters, the media, and cultural and ethnic diversity in our core market bring insights that inform a wide range of Board deliberations and qualify her for service on the Board. Her management and business ownership background align her views on the Human Resources & Compensation Committee, on which she serves, with those of shareholders. Along with all of the other independent directors, Ms. Tanabe also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

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Raymond P. Vara, Jr.; 46; 2013	<p>President and Chief Executive Officer Hawaii Pacific Health. As President and CEO, he oversees Hawaii's largest health care provider comprised of Straub Clinic & Hospital, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Wilcox Memorial Hospital and Kauai Medical Clinic. Prior to his appointment in 2012, he served as its Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Operations since 2004. Mr. Vara also served as the Chief Financial Officer from 1998 to 2000 and Chief Executive Officer from 2000 to 2002 for Los Alamos Medical Center in New Mexico, an integrated health care service provider. Prior to his joining the private sector, Mr. Vara held various positions in the United States Army, including Controller for the Army's Northwestern Healthcare Network, Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington, and Assistant Administrator and Chief Financial Officer of Bassett Army Community Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Vara is active in the Hawaii community and serves on several boards, including Island Insurance Company, American Heart Association-National Board, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee, Hawaii Pacific University, and American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter. Mr. Vara holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Hawaii Pacific University and received his M.B.A. from the University of Alaska. His community involvement and leadership of Hawaii's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer bring a valuable perspective of a key segment of the markets we serve. Mr. Vara's financial and operational background coupled with his senior executive and audit committee experience make him well-qualified to serve on the Company's Board and led the Board to appoint him to the Audit & Risk Committee in 2013 and to designate him as a financial expert on that Committee. Along with all of the other independent directors, Mr. Vara also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee and joined the Human Resources & Compensation Committee in December 2014.</p>	—
Robert W. Wo; 63; 2002	<p>Owner and Director, C.S. Wo & Sons, Ltd. (a furniture retailer) since 1984. Under Mr. Wo's leadership, this third generation family-owned and operated business has grown to become Hawaii's largest furniture retailer, ranking it among the Top 250 companies in the State of Hawaii and among the Top 100 furniture retailers in the nation. He is a member of the Hawaii Business Roundtable whose mission is to promote the overall economic vitality and social health of Hawaii. He has always been active in the community, having served on the boards of Aloha United Way, Junior Achievement of Hawaii, and the Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Currently, Mr. Wo serves on several business and non-profit boards, including Hawaii Medical Service Association, Assets School, and Bobby Benson Center. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Mr. Wo's deep involvement in the community and knowledge of business affairs throughout the Hawaiian Islands bring a customer</p>	—

perspective to his participation in Board affairs and, as major employer in the state, qualify him for service on the Human Resources & Compensation Committee in addition to his role as a director. Along with all of the other independent directors, Mr. Wo also serves on the Board's Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

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At the close of business on January 29, 2016, Bank of Hawaii Corporation had 43,228,391 shares of its common stock outstanding. As of January 29, 2016, this table shows the amount of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock owned by (i) each person or entity who is known by us to beneficially own more than five percent of Bank of Hawaii Corporation's common stock; (ii) each current director and director nominee, (iii) each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table (the "named executive officers"), and (iv) all of our directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated and subject to applicable community property and similar statutes, all persons listed below have sole voting and investment power over all shares of common stock beneficially owned. Share ownership has been computed in accordance with SEC rules and does not necessarily indicate beneficial ownership for any other purpose.

Name	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned		Right to Acquire Within 60 Days	Total	Percent of Outstanding Shares as of January 29, 2016	
More than Five Percent Beneficial Ownership						
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, New York 10055	5,481,796	(1)	—	5,481,796	12.70	%
Neuberger Berman Group LLC 605 Third Avenue New York, New York 10158	2,795,779	(2)	—	2,795,779	6.46	%
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	2,968,818	(3)	—	2,968,818	6.85	%
Current Directors and Director Nominees						
S. Haunani Apoliona	21,104	(4)	2,191	23,295	*	
Mary G. F. Bitterman	36,393	(4)(5)	2,191	38,584	*	
Mark A. Burak	6,884	(4)	—	6,884	*	
Michael J. Chun	24,345	(4)(5)	2,191	26,536	*	
Clinton R. Churchill	28,060	(4)(5)(6)	2,191	30,251	*	
Robert Huret	42,872	(4)	2,191	45,063	*	
Victor K. Nichols	3,103	(4)	—	3,103	*	
Martin A. Stein (not standing for re-election)	16,775	(4)(5)	2,191	18,966	*	
Donald M. Takaki (not standing for re-election)	53,307	(4)	—	53,307	*	
Barbara J. Tanabe	22,321	(4)	2,191	24,512	*	
Raymond P. Vara, Jr.	2,931	(4)	—	2,931	*	
Robert W. Wo	52,840	(4)(5)	—	52,840	*	
Named Executive Officers						
Peter S. Ho (also Director Nominee)	158,782		46,666	205,448	*	
Kent T. Lucien (also Director Nominee)	62,002	(5)(7)	32,191	94,193	*	
Wayne Y. Hamano	26,962	(5)	—	26,962	*	
Mark A. Rossi	47,104	(8)	30,000	77,104	*	
Mary E. Sellers	66,810	(5)	30,000	96,810	*	
All current directors, director nominees, and executive officers as a group (22 persons)	832,459		255,859	1,088,318	2.52	%

* Each of the current directors, director nominees, and named executive officers beneficially owned less than one percent of Bank of

Hawaii Corporation's outstanding common stock as of January 29, 2016.

(1) According to its Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 8, 2016, BlackRock, Inc. is a parent holding company or control person and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2015 of 5,481,796 shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock owned by its clients, none known to have more than five percent of outstanding shares except subsidiary BlackRock Fund Advisors and the iShares Select Dividend ETF. According to the same filing, BlackRock, Inc. has sole power to vote or to direct the vote over 5,325,870 of those shares and sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 5,481,796 shares.

(2) According to its Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 9, 2016, Neuberger Berman Group LLC is a parent holding company or control person and its affiliates may be deemed to have beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2015 of 2,795,779 shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock by its clients, none known to have more than five percent of outstanding shares. According to the same filing, Neuberger Berman Group LLC has shared power to vote or to direct the vote of 2,793,685 of those shares and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,795,779 shares.

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According to its Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016, The Vanguard Group is an investment adviser and its subsidiaries may be deemed to have beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2015 of 2,968,818 shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock owned by its clients, none known to have more than five (3) percent of outstanding shares. According to the same filing, The Vanguard Group has sole power to vote or to direct the vote over 31,453 of those shares, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,938,365 shares, shared power to vote or to direct the vote over 1,600 shares and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 30,453 shares.

Includes restricted shares owned by directors under the Director Stock Program: Ms. Apoliona, 14,533 shares; Dr. Bitterman, 873 shares; Mr. Burak, 873 shares; Dr. Chun, 19,673 shares; Mr. Churchill, 19,673 shares; Mr. Huret, 873 shares; Mr. Nichols, 873 shares; Mr. Stein, 873 shares; Mr. Takaki, 23,673 shares; (4) Ms. Tanabe, 873 shares; Mr. Vara, 873 shares; and Mr. Wo, 19,673 shares. Also includes shares owned by directors under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan: Messrs. Churchill, 3,542 shares; Huret, 21,457 shares; Nichols, 1,538 shares; Takaki, 380 shares; and Wo, 14,476 shares; and Mmes. Apoliona, 2,988 shares and Tanabe, 9,730 shares.

Includes shares held individually or jointly by family members as to which the specified director or officer may be (5) deemed to have shared voting or investment power as follows: Dr. Bitterman, 6,795 shares; Dr. Chun, 2,282 shares; Mr. Churchill, 3,400 shares; Mr. Stein, 3,000 shares; Mr. Wo, 9,972 shares; Mr. Lucien, 5,500 shares; Mr. Hamano, 551 shares; and Ms. Sellers, 52,299 shares.

(6) Includes 500 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account.

(7) Includes 1,000 shares held in a Keogh account.

(8) Includes 1,904 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Company and the Board have adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines (“Governance Guidelines”). The Governance Guidelines are posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company’s website at www.boh.com. The Governance Guidelines address director qualification and independence standards, responsibilities of the Board, access to management, independence standards and access to independent advisors, compensation, orientation and continuing education, Board committees, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) evaluation, management succession, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, shareholder communications to the Board and the Board’s annual performance evaluation.

The Company’s leadership structure consists of a combined Chairman and CEO and a Lead Independent Director. At this time, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company to have a single individual serve as Chairman and CEO to control and implement the short- and long-term strategies of the Company. The Board believes that this joint position provides it with the ability to perform its oversight role over management with the benefit of a management perspective as to the Company’s business strategy and all other aspects of the business. With its Lead Independent Director, this governance structure also provides a form of leadership that allows the Board to function distinct from management, capable of objective judgment regarding management’s performance, and enables the Board to fulfill its duties effectively and efficiently. The Company’s leadership structure promotes the objectivity of the Board’s decisions and its role in reviewing the performance of management. Through its leadership and governance processes the Company has successfully established a governance structure that provides both oversight and guidance by the Board to management regarding strategic planning, risk assessment and management, and corporate performance.

The Company’s Lead Independent Director is appointed by the Board and the current Lead Independent Director, Dr. Mary G. F. Bitterman, has served in this position since 1999. The Company’s Governance Guidelines clearly define the Lead Independent Director’s role and duties which include, but are not limited to: serving as Chairman of the Company’s Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, presiding over regularly scheduled executive sessions of the non-management directors, serving as a liaison between the non-management directors and executive management, and assisting the Board and executive management to ensure compliance with the Governance Guidelines.

Eleven of the twelve current non-management directors, including the Lead Independent Director, are “independent” as defined by the NYSE rules. The non-management directors meet in executive session without management in attendance for regularly scheduled meetings. The non-management directors may also meet in executive session each time the full Board convenes for a meeting. In 2015, the non-management directors met three times in executive session. The Lead Independent Director also meets regularly on an individual basis with members of the Company’s executive management team.

Director Qualifications and Nomination Process

The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and assessing all director candidates and recommending nominees to the Board. Potential nominees are evaluated based on their independence, within the meaning of the Governance Guidelines and the rules of the NYSE. Candidates to be nominated as a director, including those submitted by shareholders, are selected based on, among other criteria, their integrity, informed judgment, financial literacy, high performance standards, accomplishments and reputation in the community, experience, skill sets, and ability to commit adequate time to Board and committee matters and to act on behalf of shareholders. The criteria also include a determination of the needs of the Board and of the interplay between each individual’s personal qualities and characteristics and those of the other directors and potential directors in building a Board that is effective, collegial and responsive to the needs of the Company and its shareholders. In addition, Board members are expected to participate in continuing education and training opportunities to stay current on corporate governance, industry trends and issues and to enhance their understanding of the Company’s business. The objective of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee is to present a combination of candidates that will result in a Board with a wide range of skills, expertise, industry knowledge, viewpoints, and backgrounds, with

business and community contacts relevant to the Company's business. To accomplish this, the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee seeks candidates from different age groups, ethnicities, genders, industries, and experiences, in addition to the criteria described above. The Board includes directors with experience in public corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and entrepreneurial individuals who have successfully run their own private enterprises. The Board also has the broad set of

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skills necessary for providing oversight to a financial institution, which includes proven leadership and expertise in finance, accounting, information technology, risk management, lending, investment management and communications. A shareholder may submit a candidate for consideration by the Board to be included in the Board's slate of director nominees. Candidates proposed by shareholders will be evaluated by the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee under the same criteria that are applied to other candidates. The criteria are set forth above and in the Company's Bylaws and Governance Guidelines. Candidates to be considered for nomination by the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be presented in writing to the Corporate Secretary on or before November 18, 2016 at 130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Director Experience, Tenure and Refreshment

The Board maintains a unique balance of experience, tenure, diversity, cultural and local market knowledge and broad subject matter expertise. While our longer-tenured directors carry a wealth of experience and deep understanding of the Company and our industry, the Board embraces the need for fresh perspectives and is committed to continued director refreshment. Since 2009, the Board has added four new directors with targeted and diverse areas of expertise. Commencing with the current proxy season, the Company anticipates that it will experience six director retirements over the next five years as a result of certain directors reaching the mandatory retirement age. The Board is proactively engaged in identifying future knowledge requirements and matching those requirements with potential director candidates possessing the desired personality and skill sets. As with the addition of director nominee Victor K. Nichols, matching technology expertise and industry knowledge with that of retiring director Martin A. Stein, the goal is to provide a measured overlap to ensure an orderly transition of existing knowledge and experience.

Likewise, the Board employs a balanced approach to populating Board Committees. This refreshment strategy results in a membership that maintains new and contemporary perspectives, ideas and approaches. An example of this ongoing refreshment strategy is the 2014 appointment of director Raymond P. Vara, Jr. (3 year tenure) to the Human Resources & Compensation Committee and the appointment of director Victor K. Nichols (1 year tenure) to the Audit & Risk Committee.

Board and Committee Evaluations

The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee leads and oversees the annual evaluation of the Board and Board committees. The annual evaluation includes an individual director self-assessment and an independent third party hosted survey to determine whether the Board and its committees are functioning effectively. The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee establishes the evaluation criteria, oversees the evaluation process, and discusses the results with the Board.

An independent consultant provides assistance with the design of the online survey instrument and administers the survey on behalf of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, thereby assuring anonymity of participant responses through a secure, encrypted website. A written report of total sample data, as well as data for the Board committees, is prepared by the consultant, analyzing the closed-end questions and including the verbatim comments offered by directors at the close of each section of the survey with a view to enhancing Board effectiveness. The report tracks current data against results from previous surveys, where comparable.

Majority Voting

The Company's Bylaws and Governance Guidelines provide for majority voting in uncontested elections and a resignation process in the event a director nominee does not obtain a majority of votes cast. The resignation process provides the Board with discretion to accept or reject a tendered resignation if a majority vote is not obtained. If the tendered resignation is not accepted by the Board, the Board shall not nominate such director to stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of shareholders.

Communication with Directors

Shareholders and any interested parties may communicate with the Board, non-management directors, or the Lead Independent Director by sending correspondence c/o the Company's Corporate Secretary, 130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. All appropriate communications received will be forwarded to the Board, non-management directors or the Lead Independent Director as addressed.

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Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The Company has earned its reputation as a respected leader in the communities it serves and in the financial services industry by conducting business in an ethical, responsible and professional manner. The Company is proud of the high standards of quality and service that have been its hallmark through the years. These qualities represent fundamental business practices and apply to all directors, officers and employees.

The Company and Board have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") for directors, executive officers (including its chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer and controller) and employees that is posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at www.boh.com. The Code addresses the professional, honest and candid conduct required of each director, officer and employee; conflicts of interest, disclosure process, compliance with laws, rules and regulations (including securities trading); corporate opportunities, confidentiality, fair dealing, protection and proper use of Company assets; and encourages the reporting of any illegal or unethical behavior. A waiver of any provision of the Code may be made only by the Audit & Risk Committee of the Board and must be promptly disclosed as required by SEC and NYSE rules. The Company will disclose any such waivers, as well as any amendments to the Code, on the Company's website at www.boh.com.

Policy Prohibiting Hedging and Pledging of Company Stock

The Company's Securities Trading Policy (the "Policy") specifically prohibits directors and employees from hedging the risk associated with the ownership of Bank of Hawaii Corporation's common stock. The Policy also prohibits directors and employees from pledging transactions involving Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock as collateral, including the use of a traditional margin account with a broker-dealer.

Director Independence

The Board is comprised of a majority of independent directors as defined by the NYSE listing standards. In affirmatively determining that a director is independent of the Company's management and has no material relationship with the Company, either directly or indirectly as a partner, shareholder, or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company, the Board applies the following categorical standards, in addition to such other factors as the Board deems appropriate:

In no event shall a director be considered independent if the director is an employee, or a member of the director's immediate family is an executive officer of the Company until three years after the end of such employment relationship. Employment as an interim Chairman of the Board, CEO, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") or other executive officer shall not disqualify a director from being considered independent following that employment.

In no event shall a director be considered independent if the director receives, or a member of the director's immediate family receives, more than \$120,000 per year in direct compensation from the Company, other than director and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service). A director may not be considered independent until three years after ceasing to receive such compensation.

In no event shall a director be considered independent if the director is a current partner or employee of the Company's internal or external auditor, or whose immediate family member is a current partner or employee of such a firm and personally works on the Company's audit; or was a partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on the Company's audit within the last three years.

In no event shall a director be considered independent if the director is employed, or a member of the director's immediate family is employed, as an executive officer of another company where any of the Company's present executives serves on that company's compensation committee until three years after the end of such service or employment relationship.

In no event shall a director be considered independent if the director is an executive officer or employee, or an immediate family member of the director is an executive officer, of a company that makes payments to, or receives payments from, the Company for property or services rendered in an amount which, in any

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single fiscal year, exceeds the greater of \$1.0 million, or 2% of such other company's consolidated gross revenues for such year, until three years after falling below such threshold.

A director will not fail to be deemed independent solely as a result of the director's and the director's immediate family members', or a director's affiliated entities, banking relationship with the Company if such relationship does not violate paragraphs (a) through (e) above and is made in the ordinary course of business on substantially the same f) terms as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with persons not affiliated with the Company and, with respect to extensions of credit, is made in compliance with applicable laws, including Regulation O of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and do not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

Audit & Risk Committee members may not receive directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from the Company and shall otherwise meet the independence criteria of Section 10A-3 of the g) Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Audit & Risk Committee members may receive directors' fees and other in-kind consideration ordinarily available to directors, as well as regular benefits that other directors receive (including any additional such fees or consideration paid to directors with respect to service on committees of the Board).

Human Resources & Compensation Committee members may not receive directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from the Company, and shall otherwise meet the independence criteria of h) Section 10C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Human Resources & Compensation Committee members may receive directors' fees or other in-kind consideration ordinarily available to directors, as well as regular benefits that other directors receive (including any additional such fees or consideration paid to directors with respect to service on committees of the Board).

If a particular commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable or familial relationship or i) transaction that is not addressed by the above standards exists between a director and the Company, the Board will determine, after taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, whether such relationship or transaction is in the Board's judgment material, and therefore whether the affected director is independent.

For purposes of these independence standards, an "immediate family member" includes the director's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers and fathers-in-law, sons and daughters-in-law, brothers and sisters-in-law, and anyone (other than a domestic employee) who shares the director's home.

The following 10 director nominees standing for re-election have been determined by the Board to be independent: Messrs. Burak, Chun, Churchill, Huret, Nichols, Vara, and Wo, and Mmes. Apoliona, Bitterman, and Tanabe, and accordingly, the Board has a majority of independent directors as defined by the listing standards of the NYSE and the Governance Guidelines. All of the committees are composed entirely of independent directors who also meet applicable committee independence standards. Mr. Ho is the Chairman, CEO and President of the Company and is therefore not independent, Mr. Lucien is the CFO of the Company and is therefore not independent.

Human Resources & Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee during fiscal year 2015 served as an officer, former officer, or employee of the Company or had a relationship that was required to be disclosed under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions." Further, during 2015, no executive officer of the Company served as:

A member of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee (or equivalent) of any other entity, one of whose executive officers served as one of our directors or was an immediate family member of a director, or served on our Human Resources & Compensation Committee; or

A director of any other entity, one of whose executive officers or their immediate family member served on our Human Resources & Compensation Committee.

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Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility

Bank of Hawaii has a strong tradition of helping the community and recognizes that a commitment to economic, social and environmental responsibility is an integral element to the Company's success. The economic, social and environmental choices Bank of Hawaii makes as an enterprise affect the lives of our shareholders, customers and employees, and their respective communities. The following are examples of Bank of Hawaii's commitment to strengthening the communities it serves through its investments, charitable contributions and community service.

Economic Involvement

- Affordable Housing:** In 2015, Bank of Hawaii continued to support our community's need for more affordable and workforce housing units by providing bridge, construction and permanent financing and investing in low-income tax credit housing project developments. As a result, the bank helped to develop 324 affordable rental units, 75 of which were for seniors, 139 affordable for-sale units and 445 for-sale workforce units. The bank also financed leasehold to fee-simple conversions for 200 workforce housing unit owners.

- Supporting Small Businesses:** Bank of Hawaii supports businesses both large and small. In 2015, the bank was honored with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Lender of the Year Award for Category 1, which includes financial institutions with assets in excess of \$9.0 billion. Bank of Hawaii provided 50 loans totaling \$11.7 million in Hawaii, Guam and the Mariana Islands. The bank received this award for 11 out of the past 13 years.

Financial Education

- SmartMoney Seminars:** Presented as a free public service (open to customers and noncustomers), these financial education seminars cover a variety of financial topics such as the purchase of a first home and how to save and invest. This year, 60 seminars were held at Bank of Hawaii branches, schools and community organizations in Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and Palau. In total, volunteers led these seminars for more than 800 participants. Bank of Hawaii has offered SmartMoney Seminars for the past seven years.

- Educating Students:** Each year, Bank of Hawaii employee volunteers visit elementary, middle and high schools to teach students financial literacy. For the 19th annual "Teach Children to Save" initiative, 150 Bank of Hawaii volunteers reached out to more than 4,000 students. For the 13th annual "Get Smart About Credit Day," Bank of Hawaii volunteers taught more than 2,000 teens. Bank of Hawaii has also partnered with University of Hawaii on a GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant since 2010 to increase higher education matriculation from Title I Schools in Hawaii. The bank's partnership with Hawaii P-20 has encouraged successful reform in those schools as well. Due in part to the bank's regular participation in Teach Children to Save and Get Smart About Credit events, a recent report shows Hawaii as one of three states with the highest aggregate gains on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) between 2005 and 2013.

- Educating Seniors:** Public outreach efforts were conducted specifically aimed at helping seniors protect themselves against financial exploitation. Seminars and print materials were prepared in cooperation with the Better Business Bureau, University of Hawaii and Hawaii Partnership Against Fraud.

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:** Bank of Hawaii is proud to be able to provide the largest number of volunteers to both Goodwill Industries of Hawaii's and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii's VITA program. In 2015, 23 of the bank's IRS-certified employees volunteered income tax assistance for low- and moderate- income families and individuals. Volunteers helped to maximize recipients' tax refunds. Bank of Hawaii volunteers prepared 319 tax returns, free of charge, resulting in approximately \$331,000 in refunds.

- Assisting Foster Teens:** Bank of Hawaii has partnered with EPIC 'Ohana's Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative since 2010 to offer financial education to foster teens. Through this program, teens are able to open matched savings accounts, where each dollar saved is matched up to \$1,000 annually, and may be withdrawn between the ages of 14 to

26. This year, Bank of Hawaii mentored approximately 350 teens, and opened 78 youth savings accounts for foster youth transitioning out of the state's foster care system. This has enabled teens to make 120 purchases, totaling nearly \$174,629, primarily to pay for college education, housing and transportation.

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Social Contributions

- Supporting the “Unbanked” and “Underbanked” Bank of Hawaii was the first local bank to offer an alternative to traditional checking accounts in the state of Hawaii. Launched in 2015, EASE by Bank of Hawaii combines convenience and access, is FDIC insured and is among the lowest-fee bank accounts in the U.S. Customers do not incur overdraft fees, and there are no checks to bounce. Customers are also given a free Visa debit card and free access to more than 450 Bank of Hawaii ATMs, do not have direct deposit requirements or monthly service fees for online statements, and may open an account with a minimum initial opening balance of \$25. They also receive free 24/7 Bankoh by Phone, mobile banking and eBankoh online banking.
- Outstanding Commitment to Community Support: Bank of Hawaii, its Foundation and employees contributed more than \$2.7 million to community and philanthropic causes in 2015. In addition, Bank of Hawaii employees recorded more than 11,200 volunteer hours and participated in 124 community events during the course of the year.
- HIKI NŌ: Supporting the nation’s first statewide student news network, Bank of Hawaii Foundation continued its support of PBS Hawaii’s HIKI NŌ program with a \$100,000 donation in 2015. This is in addition to \$300,000 given to the program since 2011. HIKI NŌ is the first and only student news show with a statewide network of schools. Students from 80 participating public, private and charter high schools and middle schools work with teachers and mentors to create news and feature stories that are shared with Hawaii and the world.
- Employee Scholarship Fund: In its second year, Bank of Hawaii Foundation awarded 32 scholarships totaling \$112,000 to children and grandchildren of Bank of Hawaii employees.
- Bank of Hawaii Family Sundays: Since 2004, Bank of Hawaii has sponsored a free, once-a-month program of art activities, entertainment and films for the whole family at the Honolulu Museum of Art. This year, the monthly event drew more than 20,000 attendees supported by over 100 employee volunteers.
- Hawaii Book & Music Festival: Presented by Bank of Hawaii for the past 10 years, this weekend of award-winning authors, live entertainment and performances for all ages is free and open to the public. Approximately 30,000 people attended the event in 2015. The festival honors cultural arts and promotes literacy. An event highlight is the Bank of Hawaii Book Swap, where approximately 4,000 books were available, with more than 1,000 being donated by BOH employees.

Environmental Contributions

- Supporting Renewable Resources: Bank of Hawaii continues to support the use of renewable energy. To date, there are photovoltaic panels installed at more than 12 branches along with the downtown tower office building. Installation of photovoltaic units at the bank’s Central Processing Facility building was completed this year, and will generate 516,000 kwh and an estimated annual savings of \$185,000 in utility costs. The bank’s HVAC units and lighting retrofits are being replaced by energy efficient units to reduce electricity usage. Bank of Hawaii also has several waste reduction programs to recycle office paper, newspaper, cardboard and electronic office equipment. In addition, bank furniture is redeployed throughout the branches and bank buildings, or given to various non-profit organizations.
- Cultural Preservation with Polynesian Voyaging Society: Bank of Hawaii has provided substantial donations and other resources to the Polynesian Voyaging Society, in support of Hōkūle‘a’s trip around the world. Hōkūle‘a, the Society’s Hawaiian voyaging canoe, has a mission to establish global relationships, reawaken cultural learning, promote sustainability and encourage experiential, community-based education for students of all ages.

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Oversight of Risk

The Company's governance, including policies, standards and procedures, has been developed with the goal of ensuring that business decisions and the execution of business processes are in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Authority for accepting risk exposures on behalf of the Company originates from the Board. In turn, that authority is delegated through the Board-appointed Managing Committee, chaired by the CEO and comprised of executive management, and its subcommittees, including the Risk Council. The Risk Council, chaired by the Chief Risk Officer, provides the Managing Committee with a forum for the review and communication of both specific and company-wide risk issues, and serves to enhance collaboration among all areas of the Company that create and manage risk, while reinforcing executive management's responsibility for ensuring risk is managed within established tolerances.

Risk management at the Company is the process for identifying, measuring, controlling and monitoring risk across the enterprise given its business as a financial institution and financial intermediary. Risk management crosses all functions and employees and is embedded in all aspects of planning and performance measurement. The Company's systems, information and timely reporting are designed to enable the organization to quickly adapt to early warning signs.

The Board is responsible for oversight of the Company's enterprise risk framework. The Board implements its risk oversight function both as a whole and through delegation to various committees. Management of cyber security risks is the responsibility of the full Board. The Board has delegated to the Audit & Risk Committee primary responsibility for overseeing financial, credit, investment and operational risk exposures including regulatory and legal risk; to the Fiduciary and Investment Management Committee, comprised of five board members, primary responsibility for oversight of fiduciary and investment risk of client accounts; and to the Human Resources & Compensation Committee primary responsibility for oversight of risk related to management and staff. These committees report to the full Board to ensure the Company's overall risk exposures are understood, including risk interrelationships. The Board also oversees reputational risk.

Risk reports are provided and discussed at every committee and Board meeting. In addition to detailed reports, the Board reviews an Enterprise Risk Position report that reflects key risk measures and trends across the Company. Key managers responsible for risk management (the Chief Risk Officer, the Treasurer, the Chief Compliance Officer, the General Counsel, and the Chief Fiduciary Officer) regularly provide updates at the respective committee and Board meetings. In support of the Board's risk oversight role and to ensure that potential problems are surfaced, the Audit & Risk Committee directly oversees the Company's Internal Audit and Credit Review functions.

Compensation Policies and Risk

The Board's risk oversight responsibility includes the implementation of compensation programs that do not encourage or incentivize excessive risk taking. The Human Resources & Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing and reviewing the Company's executive compensation programs, as well as the compensation programs for employees generally, and ensuring that the programs do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking or create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

In 2015, the Company completed a comprehensive annual review of its policies and incentive plans. This review confirmed that these policies and plans encourage behavior that is within the Company's risk tolerance, are compatible with effective controls and risk management and are supported by strong corporate governance, including a risk and control monitoring process which is embedded in its quarterly performance review process. The review further confirmed that no individual employee or groups of employees' incentive plans encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking or create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

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BOARD COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

The Board met 10 times during 2015. The Board’s policy is that directors should make every effort to regularly attend meetings of the Board and committees on which they serve and the Company’s annual shareholder meeting. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and 75% of the committee meetings on which he or she served in 2015. All of the Company’s directors attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Board Committees

The Board has three standing committees: the Audit & Risk Committee, the Human Resources & Compensation Committee, and the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee. The charters for the respective Board committees are posted in the Investor Relations section of the Company’s website at www.boh.com.

The Board has affirmatively determined that all of the members of the Audit & Risk, Human Resources & Compensation, and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees (collectively the “Board Committees”) meet the independence standards of the NYSE and the Company’s Governance Guidelines. The Board Committees’ charters require that each committee perform an annual evaluation of its performance and assess the adequacy of its charter. Each committee has the authority to retain consultants and advisors to assist it in its duties, including the sole authority for the retention, termination and negotiation of the terms and conditions of the engagement.

Below are the members of each current standing committee.

Audit & Risk

Mary G. F. Bitterman
 Mark A. Burak
 Clinton R. Churchill*
 Robert Huret **
 Victor K. Nichols
 Martin A. Stein ***
 Raymond P. Vara, Jr.

Human Resources & Compensation

Mary G. F. Bitterman
 Barbara J. Tanabe
 Robert W. Wo *
 Raymond P. Vara, Jr.

Nominating & Corporate Governance

S. Haunani Apoliona
 Mary G. F. Bitterman*
 Mark A. Burak
 Michael J. Chun
 Clinton R. Churchill
 Robert Huret
 Victor K. Nichols
 Martin A. Stein ***
 Barbara J. Tanabe
 Raymond P. Vara, Jr.
 Robert W. Wo

*Committee Chairman

**Committee Vice Chairman

***Not standing for re-election in April 2016

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Audit & Risk Committee: 6 Meetings in 2015

The Audit & Risk Committee operates under and annually reviews a charter that has been adopted by the Board. The Audit & Risk Committee's duties include assisting the Board in its oversight of the following areas of the Company: regulatory and financial accounting, reporting and credit risk management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence; and the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit & Risk Committee also provides oversight of management's activities with respect to capital management and liquidity planning, including dividends and share repurchases, and overall interest rate risk management. In addition, the Audit & Risk Committee meets in private session at the conclusion of every regularly scheduled meeting to provide a confidential forum for identification and discussion of issues of importance to the Company. The Audit & Risk Committee also meets with non-member directors on a regularly scheduled basis to brief them on the content and issues discussed at the previous meeting.

The Board has determined that Messrs. Burak, Huret, Nichols, and Vara meet the definition of "financial expert" within the meaning of the SEC regulations adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Board has determined that all Audit & Risk Committee members meet the NYSE standard of financial literacy and have accounting or related financial management expertise. In addition, the Board has determined that Messrs. Burak, Huret and Nichols meet the definition of "risk expert" under the Federal Reserve Bank rules implementing Section 16 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") and 12 CFR 252.22(d)(1).

The Audit & Risk Committee has adopted policies and procedures governing the following: pre-approval of audit and non-audit services; the receipt and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission of information by employees of the Company regarding questionable accounting or audit matters; and restrictions on the Company's hiring of certain employees of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit & Risk Committee is also responsible for reviewing Company transactions involving a director or executive officer. The Audit & Risk Committee Report is located on page 54.

Human Resources & Compensation Committee: 8 Meetings in 2015

The Human Resources & Compensation Committee's duties are set forth in its charter, and include responsibility for compensation levels of directors and members of executive management and reviewing the performance of executive management. The Human Resources & Compensation Committee reviews and approves goals for incentive compensation plans and stock plans, and evaluates performance against those goals. The Human Resources & Compensation Committee also reviews management development and training programs as well as succession planning for senior and executive management. The Human Resources & Compensation Committee charter allows for the delegation of its duties to its own subcommittee as long as such delegation is in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and listing standards. The CEO, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, makes recommendations with respect to non-CEO executive officer compensation. The Human Resources & Compensation Committee Report is located on page 24.

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee: 7 Meetings in 2015

The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee's duties are set forth in its charter and include reviewing the qualifications of all Board candidates and recommending qualified candidates for membership on the Board and the oversight of director continuing education opportunities. The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee reviews the Board's organization, procedures and committees and makes recommendations concerning the size and composition of the Board and its committees. The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding standards for determining non-management director independence and reviews the qualifications and independence of the members of the Board and its committees. The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee also reviews and evaluates the Company's compliance with corporate governance requirements and leads and oversees the Board and its committees' annual performance evaluations. Further information regarding the responsibilities performed by the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee and the Company's corporate governance is provided in the committee charter and the Governance Guidelines.

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DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Retainer Fees

In 2015, based on analyses completed by Veritas Executive Compensation Consultants, LLC ("Veritas"), the Board's independent executive compensation consultant, the Board approved the following retainer fees, which remain unchanged from the previous 12-month period:

- An annual retainer for service on the Board in the amount of \$42,500;
 - An additional annual retainer for the Lead Independent Director in the amount of \$15,000;
- An annual retainer for Audit & Risk Committee members in the amount of \$13,000, an annual retainer for the Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee in the amount of \$20,000, and an annual retainer for the Vice Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee in the amount of \$15,000; and
- An annual retainer for Human Resources & Compensation Committee members in the amount of \$11,250 and an annual retainer for the Chairman of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee in the amount of \$19,250.
- In addition to these standing committees, the Board has other committees for which directors received fees in 2015. Ms. Apoliona and Mr. Takaki are members of the Board-appointed Benefit Plans Committee ("BPC"), and Mmes. Apoliona and Tanabe and Messrs. Chun, Takaki, and Wo are members of the Fiduciary Investment Management Committee ("FIMC"). In 2015, the FIMC chairman's (Ms. Tanabe) annual retainer was \$12,500 and annual retainer fees for the FIMC and BPC members were \$7,500 and \$5,000, respectively. The Directors are reimbursed for Board-related travel expenses, and directors who reside principally on the U.S. mainland receive an additional \$5,000 annually to compensate them for travel time. Messrs. Stein and Takaki have reached retirement age and are not standing for re-election to the Board. As such, Mr. Stein will no longer be serving as a member of the Audit & Risk Committee and Mr. Takaki will no longer be serving as a member of BPC or FIMC after retirement.

Director Stock Plan

The shareholders approved the 2015 Director Stock Compensation Plan (the "Director Stock Plan") at last year's annual meeting. The purpose of the Director Stock Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging and enabling eligible non-employee members of the Board to acquire and retain throughout each member's tenure as director a proprietary interest in the Company by owning shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock. The Director Stock Plan allows for the granting of stock options, restricted common stock, and restricted stock units. Under the Director Stock Plan, the Board has the flexibility to set the form and terms of awards. In 2015, each of the 12 non-employee Board members was given a stock award of 873 shares of restricted common stock ("Restricted Shares") with a vesting date of April 22, 2016. In 2015, no stock options or restricted stock units were granted under the Director Stock Plan.

Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company maintains the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Directors' Deferred Plan"), under which a non-employee director may participate and elect to defer the payment of all of his/her annual Board and committee retainer fees, or all of his/her annual Board retainer fees, or all of his/her annual committee retainer fees. At the director's choice, deferred amounts under the Directors' Deferred Plan may be payable: 1) beginning on the first day of the first month after the participating director ceases to be a director of the Company; or 2) on an anniversary date of the director's choosing after the director ceases to be a director; or 3) a date specified by the director (which may include a date prior to the date a director ceases to be a director). Deferred amounts are paid to the participant in a lump sum or in equal annual installments over such period of years (not exceeding 10 years) as the participant elects at the time of deferral. If a participant dies, all deferred and previously unpaid amounts will be paid in a lump sum to the participant's beneficiary on the second day of the calendar year following the year of death. A participant's deferred amounts are adjusted for appreciation or depreciation in value based on hypothetical investments in one or more mutual funds or in shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock, as may be directed by the participant. The Company's obligations under the Directors' Deferred Plan are payable from its general assets, although the Company has established a rabbi trust to assist it in meeting its liabilities under the plan. The assets of the trust are at all times subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors.

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Director Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Board believes it is important to support an ownership culture for the Company's directors, employees and shareholders. To ensure that linkage to shareholders occurs among the fiduciaries of the Company each non-management director is required to own a minimum amount of five times his or her annual cash retainer in Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock. Directors are given five years from first joining the Board to achieve guideline levels of ownership. Eight of the ten non-management directors standing for re-election have satisfied the ownership guidelines. The two recently elected directors are expected to satisfy the ownership guidelines within the required five-year period.

Director Compensation

The following table presents, for the year ended December 31, 2015, information on compensation earned by or awarded to each non-employee director who served on the Board of Directors during 2015.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(3)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
S. Haunani Apoliona	55,000	52,528	—	—	—	—	107,528
Mary G. F. Bitterman	86,750	52,528	—	—	—	—	139,278
Mark A. Burak	55,500	52,528	—	—	—	—	108,028
Michael J. Chun	50,000	52,528	—	—	—	—	102,528
Clinton R. Churchill	62,500	52,528	—	—	—	—	115,028
David A. Heenan	13,438	—	—	—	—	—	13,438
Robert Huret	62,500	52,528	—	—	—	—	115,028
Victor K. Nichols	60,500	52,528	—	—	—	—	113,028
Martin A. Stein	60,500	52,528	—	—	—	—	113,028
Donald M. Takaki	55,000	52,528	—	—	—	—	107,528
Barbara J. Tanabe	66,250	52,528	—	—	—	—	118,778
Raymond P. Vara, Jr.	66,750	52,528	—	—	—	—	119,278
Robert W. Wo	69,250	52,528	—	—	—	—	121,778

(1) Mmes. Apoliona and Tanabe and Messrs. Heenan (retired in April), Huret, Nichols, and Wo elected to defer all of their respective fees earned in 2015. Mr. Takaki elected to defer only his Board retainer fees in 2015.

The amounts in this column reflect the fair value of the restricted stock on the date of grant. On April 24, 2015 the Company issued grants of 873 shares of restricted common stock to each of the non-management directors, having an aggregate fair value of \$52,528 based on the closing price of the Company's common stock of \$60.17 on the date of the grant; 100% of the grant will vest on April 22, 2016. As of December 31, 2015, each director had the following number of restricted stock awards accumulated in their accounts (which excludes options exercised and held as common stock in their accounts): Ms. Apoliona, 2,673 shares; Dr. Bitterman, 873 shares; Mr. Burak, 873 shares; Dr. Chun, 2,673 shares; Mr. Churchill, 2,673 shares; Mr. Huret, 873 shares; Mr. Nichols, 873 shares; Mr. Stein, 873 shares; Mr. Takaki, 2,673 shares; Ms. Tanabe, 873 shares; Mr. Vara, 873 shares; and Mr. Wo, 2,673 shares.

(3) No option awards were granted in 2015. As of December 31, 2015, each director had outstanding options to purchase the indicated number of shares of the Company's common stock: Ms. Apoliona, 2,191; Dr. Bitterman,

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2,191; Mr. Burak, 0; Dr. Chun, 2,191; Mr. Churchill, 2,191; Mr. Huret, 2,191; Mr. Nichols, 0; Mr. Stein, 2,191; Mr. Takaki, 0; Ms. Tanabe, 2,191; Mr. Vara, 0; and Mr. Wo, 0.

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PROPOSAL 2: ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Act provides shareholders the opportunity to vote, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the SEC's compensation disclosure rules.

As an advisory vote, this proposal is not binding upon the Company. However, the Human Resources & Compensation Committee, which is responsible for designing and administering the Company's executive compensation program, values the opinions expressed by shareholders and considers the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for its executive officers. The Company currently conducts annual advisory votes on executive compensation. The Company's shareholders approved its executive compensation at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the primary focus of the Company's executive compensation programs is to encourage and reward behavior that the Board believes will promote sustainable growth in shareholder value. Our executive compensation programs are intended to balance risk and reward in relation to the Company's overall business strategy and further align management's interests with shareholders' interests. The Company's commitment to a performance culture is reflected in its strong financial performance in recent years.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that shareholders approve the executive compensation programs by approving the following advisory resolution:

RESOLVED, that the shareholders of Bank of Hawaii Corporation approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the individuals identified in the Summary Compensation Table, as disclosed in the Company's 2016 proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the compensation tables, and the accompanying footnotes in this proxy statement.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the foregoing proposal.

HUMAN RESOURCES & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Human Resources & Compensation Committee, composed entirely of independent directors in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, NYSE listing requirements and the Governance Guidelines, sets and administers policies that govern the Company's executive compensation programs, and various incentive and stock programs. As members of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee, we have reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis to be included in the Company's 2016 Proxy Statement with management and, based on these discussions, recommended to the Company's Board (and the Board subsequently approved the recommendation) that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in such Proxy Statement.

As submitted by the members of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee,

Robert W. Wo, Chairman

Mary G. F. Bitterman

Barbara J. Tanabe

Raymond P. Vara, Jr.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”) describes the compensation structure, process and implementation in 2015 for our Named Executive Officers (“NEOs”). The NEOs in 2015 were:

Peter S. Ho	Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, and President
Kent T. Lucien	Vice Chairman, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Y. Hamano	Vice Chairman, Chief Commercial Officer
Mark A. Rossi	Vice Chairman, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Mary E. Sellers	Vice Chairman, Chief Risk Officer

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Compensation-Related Highlights

Significant Enhancements to Our Compensation Program in 2015

Rebalanced performance targets for the short-term incentive plan to be 80% quantitative and expanded disclosure of the quantitative and qualitative metrics utilized

Enhanced long-term incentive plan performance period to three years, with a 3-year cliff vesting period, for the 2015-2017 performance period

Increased rigor and clarity of long-term incentive performance metrics

Strong Operational and Stock Performance

Total shareholder return of 9.1%, exceeding the average performance of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank and S&P Supercomposite Bank Indexes (each excluding those banks with greater than \$50.0 billion in assets) and the KBW Regional Bank Index

Return-on-Equity, a key measure of the Company's financial health and performance metrics included in the executive compensation program, remained strong at 14.82% and in the top quartile of peers. Two additional key metrics in the executive compensation program, Stock Price-to-Book Ratio and the Tier 1 Capital Ratio also remained strong and achieved top quartile performance during 2015.

History of consistent dividends, even through the financial crisis

Recognition For Excellence

Again rated as Hawaii's Best Bank by the Honolulu Star Advertiser and Honolulu magazine, and continue to be ranked in the top 10 performing large U.S. banks, according to Forbes magazine

Deposits are rated Aa2 by Moody's Investor Services, making us one of the highest rated financial institutions nationally and globally (as of December 10, 2015)

Received the Financial Services Roundtable's "Corporate Social Responsibility Leadership Award" for the fifth consecutive year

Again honored with U.S. Small Business Administration's Hawaii Lender of the Year Award for Category 1, which includes financial institutions with assets in excess of \$9.0 billion. Provided 50 loans totaling \$11.7 million in Hawaii, Guam and the Mariana Islands. This is the 11th year out of the past 13 years that Bank of Hawaii has earned this recognition.

Again named among Hawaii's "Best Places to Work" as ranked by Hawaii Business magazine, and the No. 3 "Most Family Friendly" large company in the state

Continued Alignment of Executive Pay with Company Performance

82% of CEO total compensation (salary, stock awards (long-term incentives), non-equity incentive plan compensation (short-term incentives), and all other compensation) is performance-based; 100% of short- and long-term incentives are performance-based

Short-term and long-term incentives are tied to rigorous performance metrics, 80% of short-term incentives and 100% of long-term incentives are based on objective criteria

Significant share ownership requirements (5x base salary for CEO)

Consistent Shareholder Engagement

During 2014, we reached out to shareholders holding 53% of the Company's outstanding shares and engaged in substantive discussions with shareholders representing 43% of our shares, regarding, among other things, the revised design of our compensation program. In these discussions, we learned that our shareholders were overwhelmingly supportive of the key elements of our compensation program.

During 2015, we again reached out to shareholders to solicit their input regarding the design, or any other aspects of our compensation program. We received no suggestions for changing our approach to compensation, evidencing strong shareholder support for the program.

Say on Pay Results

At the 2015 Annual Meeting, our say on pay proposal received support from 94% of votes cast. Based upon our extensive shareholder outreach in this and prior years, we implemented the compensation program described below.

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Executive Summary

2015 Key Compensation Actions

• Compensation Program Redesign

As noted, there were significant changes to the compensation program design for 2015. As it relates to the 2015 Short-Term Incentive Plan, the Committee adjusted the weighting of the performance measures to place greater emphasis on quantitative versus qualitative metrics. Incorporating shareholder suggestions, the Committee recrafted the Long-Term Incentive Plan to provide for a three-year performance period (2015-2017) with a three-year cliff vesting to coincide with the conclusion of the performance period. In addition, the Committee set three challenging quantitative performance measures for the Short-Term Incentive Plan and the Long-Term Incentive Plan, achievement of which was required for payout to occur. To achieve full payout, top quartile performance was required in all three performance measures. To achieve any payout, top two quartile performance was required with the actual payout determined by performance and metric weighting.

2015 Executive Compensation Program Design

Pay Elements	2015 Design Elements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% quantitative performance metrics o Three performance metrics set at challenging levels relative to peers* and their weighting § Return-on-Equity (30%) § Stock Price-to-Book Ratio (30%)
Short-Term Incentive Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Tier 1 Capital Ratio (20%) o To achieve full payout, top quartile performance in all three performance measures must occur o To achieve any payout, top two quartile performance must occur with the actual payout determined by performance and metric weighting • 20% qualitative performance metrics • Three-year plan • Three-year sustained performance period • Three-year cliff vesting • 100% quantitative performance metrics o Three performance metrics set at challenging levels relative to peers* and their weighting
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*S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index (excluding banks with assets > \$50.0 billion) as of January 1, 2015

• Compensation Policies and Practices

Our executive compensation and corporate governance programs are designed to closely link pay with operational performance and increases in long-term shareholder value while minimizing excessive risk taking. To help us accomplish these important objectives, we have adopted the following policies and practices over time:

Compensation Program Governance Summary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ü Robust shareholder engagement process ü | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ü Regularly conduct assessments to identify and mitigate risk in compensation programs ü Formalized clawback policy |
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Demonstrated responsiveness to shareholder concerns and general feedback

- ü Compensation program closely aligns pay with performance
- ü Significant share ownership requirements (5x base salary for CEO, 2x for other NEOs)
- ü Significant portion of compensation is variable and performance based
- ü No employment or severance agreements with NEOs
- ü Anti-hedging and anti-pledging stock policies
- ü Competitive benchmarking to ensure executive officer compensation is aligned to the market
- ü No tax gross-ups
- ü Double-trigger change-in-control provisions
- ü No excessive perquisites
- ü No repricing of equity incentive awards
- ü Independent compensation consultant
- ü Independent Committee

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Business and Performance Overview

The Company is a full-service regional financial institution serving businesses, consumers, and governments, in Hawaii, American Samoa, and the West Pacific. Bank of Hawaii, our principal subsidiary, was founded in 1897 and is the largest independent financial institution in Hawaii.

For management reporting purposes we operate in four business segments: Retail Banking, Commercial Banking, Investment Services, and Treasury and Other. Retail Banking offers a broad range of financial products and services to consumers and small businesses. Loan and lease products include residential mortgage loans, home equity lines of credit, automobile loans and leases, personal lines of credit, installment loans, small business loans and leases, and credit cards. Deposit products include checking, savings, and time deposit accounts. Retail Banking also offers retail insurance products. Products and services from Retail Banking are delivered to customers through 70 branch locations and 456 ATMs throughout Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, e-Bankoh (on-line banking service), a 24-hour customer service center, and a mobile banking service.

Commercial Banking offers products including corporate banking, commercial real estate loans, commercial lease financing, auto dealer financing, and deposit products. Commercial lending and deposit products are offered to middle-market and large companies in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Commercial real estate mortgages focus on customers that include investors, developers, and builders predominantly domiciled in Hawaii. Commercial Banking also includes international banking and provides merchant services to its small business customers.

Investment Services includes private banking and international client banking, trust services, investment management, and institutional investment advisory services. A significant portion of this segment's income is derived from fees, which are generally based on the market values of assets under management. The private banking and personal trust group assists individuals and families in building and preserving their wealth by providing investment, credit, and trust services to high net worth individuals. The investment management group manages portfolios utilizing a variety of investment products. Institutional client services offer investment advice to corporations, government entities, and foundations. This segment also provides a full service brokerage offering equities, mutual funds, life insurance, and annuity products.

We concluded 2015 with solid financial performance. During the year our loan balances and deposits continued to grow, increasing 14% and 5%, respectively. Our asset quality remained stable, expenses were well managed, and our capital ratios remained quite strong. The Return-on-Equity was 14.82% and our efficiency ratio was 59.99%.

Company Performance Highlights

The following briefly summarizes the Company's recent stock price and financial performance:

Total Shareholder Return (TSR)

In addition to delivering strong financial performance in 2015, the Company outperformed key market indices, delivering total shareholder return of 9.1%. The Company's one-year TSR exceeded the average performance of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index and the S&P Supercomposite Bank Index (each excluding those banks with greater than \$50.0 billion in assets), and the KBW Regional Bank Index.

Putting the Company's Longer-Term TSRs in Context. The Company's one-year TSR outperformed all relevant indices during 2015. On a longer-term basis, we generated significant shareholder value of 56.8% and 58.6% for the three- and five-year TSRs, respectively. However, on a relative basis, our three- and five-year TSRs slightly lagged that of the relevant indices because the Company successfully navigated the financial crisis and, as such, did not experience the stock price volatility and steep stock declines that many other companies experienced during the period. The Company and management performance remained strong throughout the financial crises and we maintained our unbroken record of paying dividends to our shareholders. The result is that our longer-term relative TSRs are not indicative of how well the Company performed over the last five years.

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TSR for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Key Performance Metrics

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Strong Credit Risk Profile

Maintaining a Balanced Approach to Capital Return

• **Dividend Yield:** As of December 31, 2015, our dividend yield decreased year-over-year due to strong growth in the stock price.

• **Returning Value to Shareholders:** The Company returned \$53.0 million in capital to shareholders through share repurchases in 2015.

Detailed Discussion and Analysis

Executive Compensation Philosophy

At Bank of Hawaii, we believe that executive compensation should reflect strong alignment between pay, performance and shareholders' interests while maintaining a balanced approach to risk and reward. Compensation programs should reinforce support for our vision and be consistent with market compensation trends after taking into account the unique circumstances facing Bank of Hawaii in light of geographic, demographic, and economic conditions in the markets served by the Company. The Committee believes that compensation should recognize short- and long-term performance by including both cash and equity components.

The primary focus of the Company's executive compensation program is to encourage and reward performance that supports the Company's long-term business strategies and promotes sustainable growth in shareholder value. The Company believes that its goals are best supported by rewarding its NEOs for outstanding contributions to the Company's success, compensating those officers competitively with similarly situated executive officers, and providing its NEOs with equity to encourage and motivate them to focus on the Company's long-term growth and success.

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The Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the executive compensation program. With the support of its independent compensation consultant, the Committee has designed and implemented an executive compensation program that is structured to:

- Align executive compensation with shareholder value creation
- Encourage retention and growth opportunities for executives
- Compensate executives for measurable and meaningful levels of Company performance
- Balance performance incentives while not encouraging excessive risk taking by executives

The Committee's annual process for setting NEOs' compensation begins in the fourth quarter of each year when the Company's senior management team sets operating and financial goals for the coming year. Using data and analysis provided by an independent compensation consultant and considering senior management's operating and financial goals, as well as the market environment, the Committee establishes compensation levels and challenging performance goals for the year.

Executive Compensation Process

The compensation program is designed and implemented as follows:

The Committee leads a robust process to set and measure challenging goals: Company performance objectives are subject to a robust goal-setting process in which the Committee considers business-driven bottom-up and corporate (1) top-down budgets and market projections. In setting each NEO's total compensation, the Committee considers among other factors, Company performance, shareholder value creation, the competitive marketplace, and the awards given to NEOs in past years.

Commencing in January of each year, the Committee reviews the annual results of the Company compared to the business plan, and uses this review as the basis for the annual evaluation of the CEO. The CEO does not attend executive sessions of the Committee when his own compensation is being reviewed or determined. The Committee's evaluation is discussed with the full Board, excluding the CEO, and communicated to the CEO by the Lead Independent Director.

Based on similar factors and individual objectives, including an assessment of effective risk management, the CEO, assisted by the Director of Human Resources (herself not a NEO), annually reviews the performance of each of the other NEOs. The conclusions and recommendations based on those reviews, including any recommendations for salary adjustments, annual awards and equity components, are presented to the Committee for consideration.

Rather than relying on formulaic models, the Committee believes that retaining discretion to assess performance of the CEO and other NEOs gives the Committee members the ability to more accurately reflect individual contributions that cannot be quantified.

Substantial 'at risk' and variable compensation: 82% of CEO and at least 66% of the other NEOs' total compensation (2) (salary, bonus, stock awards (long-term incentives), non-equity incentive plan compensation (short-term incentives), and all other compensation) is variable and impacted by pre-established Company performance metrics.

Alignment with shareholders: Each NEO is subject to robust stock ownership guidelines that require them to hold (3) a significant number of company shares as long as they remain employed at the Company, with the CEO's requirement at 5x base salary and other NEOs at 2x base salary.

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Peer Group and the Market Check

Each year, the Committee identifies companies to include in a peer group for purposes of benchmarking executive compensation levels and practices. The Committee selects peer companies with the support of Veritas, an independent compensation consultant. For 2015, the Committee selected both a bank peer group, consisting of regional banks that the company competes against for capital and talent, and a broad-based set of peers that are in different industries but similar in size and business scope. Companies selected for the peer groups are:

Possible sources of, or destinations for, talent

Comparable in:

Business size and scope

Complexity and organizational structure

Compensation practices and structures

In some cases, peers of our peer companies

Peer Group Companies*

	Market Capitalization	Revenue	Total Assets	Employee Population (FTE)**
Bank Peers (dollars in millions)				
BancorpSouth, Inc.	\$2,254.8	\$734.7	\$13,787.4	3,820
Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.	\$4,481.3	\$102.8	\$9,879.5	1,654
Cathay General Bancorp	\$2,537.8	\$471.5	\$12,750.0	1,074
Commerce Bancshares Inc	\$4,146.1	\$1,116.3	\$24,605.0	4,770
Community Bank System Inc.	\$1,736.5	\$376.3	\$7,997.2	1,988
East West Bancorp, Inc.	\$5,980.5	\$1,153.7	\$31,119.7	2,673
First Bancorp	\$698.8	\$675.2	\$12,821.0	2,617
FNB Corp/FL	\$2,339.5	\$696.8	\$16,836.1	2,916
Fulton Financial Corp	\$2,264.1	\$760.0	\$17,914.7	3,470
Glacier Bancorp Inc	\$2,018.6	\$410.2	\$8,764.3	1,929
Hancock Holding Co	\$1,948.1	\$902.6	\$21,608.2	3,863
Home Bancshares, Inc.	\$2,840.7	\$416.4	\$8,515.6	1,376
Intl Bancshares Corp	\$1,705.8	\$557.6	\$12,052.2	3,028
Investors Bancorp Inc	\$4,211.2	\$756.0	\$20,331.3	1,675
MB Financial Inc/MD	\$2,365.9	\$821.7	\$14,950.1	2,839
National Penn Bancshares Inc	\$1,729.9	\$399.9	\$9,587.5	1,658
Old National Bancorp	\$1,552.9	\$606.7	\$11,915.2	2,938
Privatebancorp Inc	\$3,242.7	\$691.7	\$16,894.6	1,224
Prosperity Bancshares Inc	\$3,351.6	\$815.6	\$21,567.2	3,096
Signature Bank/NY	\$7,716.7	\$1,087.6	\$31,920.5	1,010
Synovus Financial Corporation	\$4,228.8	\$1,213.9	\$28,792.7	4,494
Texas Capital Bancshares Inc	\$2,265.6	\$633.6	\$18,666.0	1,142
Trustmark Corp	\$1,556.5	\$587.0	\$12,390.3	2,963
UMB Financial Corp	\$2,294.7	\$874.4	\$18,598.0	3,592
Umpqua Holdings Corp	\$3,501.5	\$1,191.6	\$23,162.3	4,569
United Bankshares Inc.	\$2,574.6	\$503.0	\$12,556.9	1,703
Valley National Bancorp	\$2,433.5	\$757.4	\$19,571.5	2,907
Webster Financial Corp	\$3,409.5	\$978.6	\$24,069.8	2,729
Western Alliance Bancorporation	\$3,668.7	\$510.8	\$13,955.6	1,131
Wintrust Financial Corp	\$2,346.8	\$986.7	\$22,917.2	3,491
Average for Bank Peer Group	\$2,913.5	\$726.3	\$17,349.9	2,611

Bank of Hawaii Corporation	\$2,722.4	\$580.3	\$15,455.0	2,164
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Peer Group Companies*

	Market Capitalization	Revenue	Employee Population (FTE)**
Size-Based Peers*** (dollars in millions)			
Cognex Corporation	\$2,865.2	\$511.1	1,322
Corporate Executive Board Co.	\$2,031.5	\$925.6	4,300
DexCom, Inc.	\$6,658.1	\$355.5	838
Dorman Products, Inc.	\$1,685.1	\$772.1	1,785
HEICO Corporation	\$3,429.1	\$1,188.6	4,600
Iconix Brand Group, Inc.	\$330.5	\$373.8	150
Morningstar Inc.	\$3,555.5	\$783.6	3,830
Ormat Technologies Inc.	\$1,788.3	\$572.8	1,095
Heartland Express, Inc.	\$1,449.3	\$764.7	4,500
Silicon Laboratories Inc.	\$2,018.1	\$646.7	1,107
Sonic Corp.	\$1,593.6	\$612.0	10,863
Techne Corp.	\$3,347.2	\$455.6	1,356
Balchem Corp.	\$1,916.5	\$582.4	845
U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc.	\$999.9	\$756.5	1,092
Yelp, Inc.	\$2,167.4	\$505.9	3,671
Average for Size-Based Peer Group	\$2,389.0	\$653.8	1,650
Bank of Hawaii Corporation	\$2,722.4	\$580.3	2,164

*Peer data provided by Veritas Executive Compensation Consultants as of December 31, 2015, or earlier, based on available data as of January 20, 2016

**FTE represents Full-Time Equivalent Employees

***Size-based peers selected based on being within 50-200% of Bank of Hawaii Corporation in terms of each of average market capitalization, revenue, and average enterprise value

After selecting the peer companies, the Committee does not target a specific relative level of compensation but considers the median levels (the 50th percentile) of the following when determining target pay: (1) base salaries, (2) total cash compensation, including annual incentives on both an actual and target basis, and (3) total direct compensation including long-term incentives at both actual and target levels. If NEO base salaries, total cash compensation, or target or actual incentive compensation result in above-median compensation, it is directly because of measurable Company and/or individual executive performance.

S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index

In addition to bank and size-based peer groups, the Company benchmarks key performance metrics and the compensation program against the companies included in the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, excluding those companies with assets in excess of \$50.0 billion. The S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index provides an appropriate group for comparison purposes because these are the companies with which the Company competes for capital and talent. The Committee concluded that the Company's business mix and source of executive talent for the Company are well represented in the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index.

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Role of the Compensation Consultant

The Committee is responsible for retaining its compensation consultant and for determining the terms and conditions, including engagement fees. The Committee determines whether the consultant's services are performed objectively and free from the influence of management. The Board's independent compensation consultant is Veritas. The compensation consultant reports directly to the Committee, takes instructions solely from the Committee, and performs no other services for the Company. The Committee Chairman pre-approves all compensation consulting engagements, including the nature, scope and fees of assignments. In 2015, the Committee considered the factors delineated by the SEC in Rule 10C-1 and determined that Veritas was an independent compensation consultant and that the firm's work did not raise a conflict of interest with the Company.

In 2015, Veritas helped to ensure that the Company's executive compensation practices were competitive, appropriately designed, and were aimed at linking executive compensation to the business and strategic objectives of the Company. Veritas also provided the Committee with market data and an analysis of competitive compensation for the NEOs.

Compensation and Risk Management

Compensation risks are assessed and managed in the context of the Company's business strategies. The Committee monitors the Company's financial and non-financial performance throughout the year as well as the Company's risk profile and risk management processes to ensure that the Company's compensation policies do not promote unnecessary or excessive risks that may threaten the value of the Company. Several areas are reviewed by the Committee including, but not limited to, how risk management is built into incentive compensation for the Company's executive management, the specific risk profile for a community bank as it relates to loans and investment securities, the controlled and disciplined approach in the compensation structure of the Company, the implementation of new processes with regard to qualitative versus quantitative measures of management performance, and the refinement of best practices.

The Committee also believes that compensation should recognize short- and long-term performance and may include both cash and equity components. The composition of components may vary from year to year based on individual, market and other factors. The Committee does not adhere to a specific formula when determining the mix of pay elements, or the allocation between cash and non-cash compensation or among non-cash forms of pay.

In the following table, neither total compensation nor any element of cash and non-cash compensation is formally benchmarked against a peer group of companies, although the Committee uses the peer group data as a reference. In making compensation decisions, the Committee considers individual performance, experience in the position, breadth of duties, and pay parity among positions of comparable responsibility. The Committee also reviews market data to verify that compensation is competitive and within market ranges.

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Elements of the Compensation Program

In order to ensure compensation is tightly linked to long-term shareholder value creation, the Board and the Committee have implemented a well-structured executive compensation program that balances short-term financial results with long-term value through sustainable business growth in our market. To that end, the compensation program uses a number of short- and long-term forms of executive compensation, each specifically structured to incentivize an aspect of Company performance the Committee believes is critical to driving long-term shareholder value.

Each NEO receives a balance of variable and fixed compensation. The following describes the various forms of compensation:

Pay Elements	Components	Rationale for Form of Compensation
Base Salary	Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attract and retain executive talent • To provide a fixed base of compensation generally aligned to peer group levels
Short-Term Incentive	Annual Cash Bonus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To drive the achievement of key business results on an annual basis • To recognize individual executives based on their specific and measurable contributions • To structure a meaningful amount of annual compensation as performance-based and not guaranteed
Long-Term Incentive	Performance Shares (Restricted Stock Grants and Restricted Stock Units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To drive the sustainable achievement of key long-term business results • To directly align the interests of executives with shareholders • To structure a meaningful amount of long-term compensation as performance-based and not guaranteed

2015 Base Salary

Base salary is driven by each individual's responsibilities. The Committee also considers competitive compensation data provided by Veritas. Base salaries are generally established in connection with recruiting or retaining qualified executive officers. The Committee reviews salary levels as part of the Company's annual performance review process, as well as upon promotion or other changes in job responsibility. Merit-based increases to salaries for executive officers other than the CEO are determined by the Committee and include the CEO's assessment of individual performance and his recommendation.

In recommending base salaries, the CEO considers, among other factors, the needs of the Company, internal pay parity among positions of comparable responsibility, and individual performance and contribution to the Company. The Committee also looks at market survey data to verify that salaries are competitive and within market ranges.

Based upon the foregoing, including peer group analysis, market data and recommendations by Veritas, the Committee approved, effective April 1, 2015 the following NEO base salaries:

Name	Base Salary Effective April 1, 2015 (\$)
Peter S. Ho	780,000
Kent T. Lucien	436,000
Wayne Y. Hamano	357,000
Mark A. Rossi	436,000
Mary E. Sellers	436,000

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2015 Short-Term Incentive Compensation

The CEO and other NEOs participate in the Executive Incentive Plan (the "EIP"), the Company's short-term incentive plan for executives. The EIP is a 100% performance-based short-term incentive plan.

The EIP provides for a maximum incentive pool of 3% of the Company's net income before taxes for the fiscal year. At the beginning of the performance period, each participating executive is allocated a maximum percentage of the incentive pool. For 2015, the Committee allocated a maximum percentage of 30% to Mr. Ho and 12% to Ms. Sellers and Messrs. Lucien and Rossi and 8.5% to Mr. Hamano. The Company has set a target award of 100% of base salary for the CEO, with a threshold or minimum payout of 50% and maximum payout of 250% of target. Threshold payout can only be achieved if Company performance in the quantitative measures is in the third quartile of peer performance. Company performance below the third quartile of the quantitative measures results in forfeiture of the entire weighted opportunity for each of the quantitative measures. Company performance in the fourth (top) quartile in all three quantitative measures and at maximum performance in the qualitative measure may result in the maximum payout opportunity. Ms. Sellers and Messrs. Lucien and Rossi have a target award of 80% of base salary and Mr. Hamano has a target award of 70% of base salary. Their threshold or minimum payout is 50% of target and maximum payout is 200% of target. Similar to the CEO, Company performance below the third quartile of the quantitative measures results in forfeiture of the entire weighted opportunity for each of the quantitative measures.

The following table compares the targeted goals of each quantitative performance metric with actual results:

2015 Short-Term Incentive Plan Financial Metrics - 80% Weighting

Metric	Weight	2015 Target	2015 Actual
Return-on-Equity Relative to Peers	30%	Third Quartile	Fourth (Top) Quartile
Stock Price-to-Book Ratio Relative to Peers	30%	Third Quartile	Fourth (Top) Quartile
Tier 1 Capital Ratio Relative to Peers	20%	Third Quartile	Fourth (Top) Quartile

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The following table describes the Short-Term Incentive Plan's disciplined other short-term metrics and achievements of the CEO and NEOs for 2015:

2015 Disciplined Other Short-Term Metrics – 20% Weighting *

Strategic Initiatives	Community Presence/Reputation	Leadership Development/Succession
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee engagement - among Hawaii Business magazine's "Best Places to Work 2015" for large companies and #3 in "Most Family Friendly" category Total loans and leases up 14% o Commercial lending portfolio up 12% o Consumer loans up 16% Total deposits up 5%, primarily due to higher commercial and consumer core deposits Overall asset quality remained strong Improve customer experience o Introduced "EASE by Bank of Hawaii", an FDIC insured alternative to traditional checking accounts o Installed envelope- and deposit slip-free ATMs across 60% of our branch network, adding another convenient deposit option Embedded EMV chip technology in all BOH debit cards to provide additional security to customers Launched new customer experience surveys; two thirds of customers "very satisfied" Active management of capital and risk o Shares repurchased in 2015 returned \$53.0 million in capital to shareholders o Regulatory and compliance initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Industry and press recognition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Deposits rated Aa2 by Moody's Investor Services (one of the highest rated financial institutions nationally and globally) o U.S. Small Business Administration - Hawaii Lender of the Year - named in Category 1 for large banks o Financial Services Roundtable - "Corporate Social Responsibility Leadership Award" for the fifth consecutive year o Rated as Hawaii's "Best Bank" by Honolulu Star Advertiser and Honolulu magazine Charitable/community activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Employee Giving Programs raised more than \$800,000 for local non-profits, an all-time high o Employee Volunteer Program held 119 events and contributed more than 5,600 volunteer hours o In its second year, Bank of Hawaii Foundation Scholarship Fund awarded 32 college scholarships totaling \$112,000 to children and grandchildren of Bank of Hawaii employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robust executive development process and succession review 3 out of 4 new Managing Committee members promoted from within > 20% of executive and senior officers in expanded roles through job rotation, position modification and/or promotion Strategic hires on-boarded to fill key business needs Focused on peer learning through Kupuna Series for executive and senior officers Introduced process and trained top company leaders to drive employee retention, minimize exit "triggers" and identify professional development opportunities

* 20% represents CEO weighting and performance. For all other NEOs, this represents 10% of their weighting with the remaining 10% based on accomplishment of their pre-determined individual management/business objectives.

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In evaluating the CEO performance and resulting EIP payment, the Committee employed a weighted scoring system based upon achievement of the performance metrics referenced above. Eighty percent of the performance metrics are quantitative and were selected by the Committee as strong measures of management's ability to drive profitability (Return-on-Equity), enhance shareholder equity (Stock Price-to-Book Ratio) and efficiently and effectively manage capital and risk (Tier 1 Capital Ratio), resulting in both short- and long-term shareholder value. The Committee reviewed and discussed the CEO's performance against the EIP metrics and objectives, and determined the final EIP award based upon the results of the pre-determined quantitative metrics and the disciplined other short-term metrics. The Committee certified fourth (top) quartile performance for the Return-on-Equity (96.8 percentile), Stock Price-to-Book Ratio (92.1 percentile), and Tier 1 Capital Ratio (82.5% percentile) metrics. Assessing performance of the qualitative measures, the Committee reviewed and discussed in detail the CEO's individual contributions and rated his performance "OUTSTANDING" in the pre-determined areas of community presence, reputation, leadership development, succession planning and strategic initiatives.

In evaluating the other NEOs, the Committee considered the recommendations of the CEO, and reviewed and discussed the other NEOs performance against the EIP metrics and objectives, the other NEOs performance in their respective managerial spheres of influence (a performance evaluation criteria applicable only to the other NEOs), the individual contributions and achievements of the other NEOs and the overall performance of the Company. The Committee gauged the other NEOs individual performance and the Company performance against the established performance metrics.

The Committee approved the CEO and the other NEO EIP awards as follows:

Name	Annual Base Salary as of 12/31/2015 (\$)	Target Annual Incentive %	Final Incentive Payout %	Final Incentive Award (\$)
Peter S. Ho	780,000	100%	250%	1,950,000
Kent T. Lucien	436,000	80%	114%	495,000
Wayne Y. Hamano	357,000	70%	126%	450,000
Mark A. Rossi	436,000	80%	114%	495,000
Mary E. Sellers	436,000	80%	114%	495,000

2015 Long-Term Incentive Compensation

In setting the CEO's and other NEOs' long-term incentive compensation, the Committee considered, among other factors, Company performance, shareholder value creation, the competitive marketplace, the awards given in past years, peer group analysis and other market factors. In applying these factors, the Committee determined the number of performance shares to be awarded under the 2015-2017 long-term incentive plan to the CEO and other NEOs, as described in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015 table on page 46. The Company's 2015-2017 long-term incentive plan is 100% performance-based and awarded in the form of performance shares with a three-year cliff vesting schedule. The plan requires achievement of a three-year sustained performance period with performance metrics and hurdles as follows:

2015 Design Elements

- Three-year plan
- Three-year sustained performance period
- Three-year cliff vesting
- 100% quantitative performance metrics
- o Three performance metrics set at challenging levels relative to peers* and their weighting
 - § Return-on-Equity (40%)
 - § Stock Price-to-Book Ratio (40%)
 - § Tier 1 Capital Ratio (20%)
- To achieve full payout, top quartile performance in all three performance measures must occur

- To achieve any payout, top two quartile performance must occur with the actual payout determined by performance and metric weighting

*S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index (excluding banks with assets > \$50.0 billion) as of January 1, 2015

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As indicated above, performance shares awarded to the NEOs pursuant to the 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan require a three-year (2015-2017) sustained performance period, with the three-year cliff vesting determined at the conclusion of the three-year performance period. For the performance segment concluded in 2015, top quartile performance was achieved in each of the three performance metrics.

Benefits and Retirement Plans Sponsored by the Company

Executive officers are eligible to participate in health and insurance plans, retirement plans, and other benefits generally available to full-time employees. This is consistent with the Company's belief in offering employees comprehensive health and retirement benefits that are competitive in our markets. The retirement programs assist employees in planning for their retirement income needs. Benefits under the qualified health and retirement plans are not directly tied to specific Company performance. Employees who meet service requirements are eligible to participate in the Company sponsored Retirement Savings Plan ("RSP"), a tax-qualified defined contribution pension plan. The Committee regularly reviews the value of benefits.

The Committee has adopted the Bank of Hawaii Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Program (the "Deferred Compensation Program"), a program that offers senior management (including the NEOs) the ability to defer up to 80% of base salary and 100% of incentive amounts under the Executive Incentive Plan in order to allow executives to defer, along with the receipt of the compensation, the income tax liability on such payments (including any appreciation in value as a result of the deemed investment of such amounts) until receipt. This program allows participants to manage their cash flow and estate planning needs.

The Company also maintains the Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Excess Benefit Plan (the "Excess Benefit Plan"), a nonqualified supplemental retirement benefit plan that compensates participants for benefits that would otherwise be payable under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan but for certain Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. The Committee believes that this plan is important to ensure equitability in retirement funding amounts between those that fall below and above the IRC limitations.

Gains from long-term incentive compensation are not included in the determination of nonqualified deferred compensation benefits.

Perquisites

The Company offers perquisites that the Committee believes are competitive in attracting and retaining a strong executive team, yet reasonable. The Company provides perquisites to NEOs for purposes of recruiting, retention and security. The Committee believes perquisites should be limited in scope and value.

Change-in-Control and Severance Arrangements

The Committee believes that an essential component to protecting and enhancing the best interests of the Company and its shareholders is to provide for the protection of its executive team in the event of a change-in-control of the Company. Change-in-control benefits play an important role in attracting and retaining key executives. The payment of such benefits ensures a smooth transition in management following a change-in-control by giving an executive the incentive to remain with the Company through the transition period, and, in the event the executive's employment is terminated as part of the transition, by compensating the executive with a degree of financial and personal security during a period in which he or she is likely to be unemployed.

The Change-in-Control Retention Plan (the "Retention Plan"), provides benefits only in the event that a participant's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the participant for "good reason" within 24 months following a change-in-control. The Committee believes that this encourages executives to remain with the Company upon a change-in-control. The key provisions of the Retention Plan for NEOs, including the CEO and vice chairmen, are:

- Severance benefit - a "two times base salary and bonus" payment which is payable in the month following termination of employment.

- Payment for non-competition - an additional "one times base salary and bonus" payment that is payable only if the executive complies with the 12-month non-competition restrictions specified under the Retention Plan.

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In addition to non-competition restrictions, the Retention Plan imposes non-disclosure, non-solicitation and non-disparagement restrictions on participants.

Each of the NEOs participates in the Retention Plan. See the discussion under "Change-in-Control, Termination, and Other Arrangements" on page 49 for additional information.

No Excise Tax Gross-Ups

The Retention Plan does not permit the Company to pay any tax gross up payments to executives in connection with any payment or benefit under the Plan. In addition, the Retention Plan limits any payment or benefit under the plan to an amount that would not be subject to Excise Tax even if the benefits would be substantially eliminated as a result of this limit.

Vesting of Equity Incentive Compensation on Change-in-Control (Double-Trigger)

The terms of the Company's 2014 Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan provide for full acceleration of vesting of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and stock options upon the occurrence of a change-in-control of the Company (as defined in the Retention Plan, which requires, among other things, a double-trigger termination for vesting to occur). The Committee believes that it is generally appropriate to fully vest equity and incentive-based awards to employees in a change-in-control transaction because such a transaction may often cut short or reduce the employee's ability to realize value with respect to such awards. Legacy single-trigger arrangements related to outstanding restricted stock grants will expire by their terms in 2016, and no additional single-trigger arrangements are in place. Similarly, the Executive Incentive Plan provides that incentive awards will, upon a change-in-control of the Company, be prorated as though the applicable performance period ended on the change-in-control date and will be calculated as an amount equal to two times a participant's incentive allocation for the prorated performance period.

Other Matters**Stock Ownership Requirements**

The Committee believes that significant ownership of our common stock by our executives directly aligns their interest with those of our shareholders and also helps balance the incentives for risk-taking inherent in equity-based awards. Under the Company's executive stock ownership guidelines, the CEO must own Company common stock having a market value equal to at least five times base salary and vice chairmen must own Company stock having a market value equal to at least two times base salary. Stock ownership includes the value of vested stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units from qualified plans, and other stock held by the executive. The guidelines require the CEO to comply with the stock ownership levels within five years of the date hired or promoted to such position within the Company; for all other NEOs the attainment period is three years. As of December 31, 2015, all of the NEOs satisfied the stock ownership guidelines.

Officer	Stockholding Guideline (multiple of base salary)
Chairman and CEO	5x
Vice Chairmen	2x

Clawback Policy

To the extent permitted by law, if the Committee determines that any bonus, incentive payment or equity-based compensation has been awarded or received by an executive officer and that such compensation was based on any financial results or operating metrics that were satisfied as a result of such officer's fraudulent or intentional illegal conduct, as defined by applicable law, then the Committee shall recover from the officer such compensation (in whole or in part) as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. In determining whether to recover such payment, the Committee shall take into account such considerations as it deems appropriate, including whether the assertion of a claim may violate applicable law or prejudice the interests of the Bank in any related proceeding or investigation. Further, following a restatement of the Bank's financial statements, on the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee, the Committee shall cause the Bank to recover any compensation that is required to be recovered by Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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Anti-Hedging and Pledging Policies

The Company's Securities Trading Policy specifically prohibits directors and employees from hedging the risk associated with the ownership of Bank of Hawaii Corporation's common stock. The Policy also prohibits directors and employees from pledging transactions involving Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock as collateral, including the use of a traditional margin account with a broker-dealer. No officers or directors are parties to transactions involving the hedging or pledging of Company stock.

Tax Considerations

Section 162(m) of the IRC limits the deductibility of compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1,000,000, but excludes "performance based compensation" from this limit. To maintain flexibility in compensating executive officers, the Committee does not require all compensation to be awarded in a tax deductible manner and compensation payable to our executive officers may exceed the Section 162(m) deductible limit at times. However, it is the intent of the Committee that executive compensation be deductible under the provisions of Section 162(m) to the fullest extent possible and consistent with overall corporate goals. In 2015, \$46,703 of compensation paid to one executive officer was not deductible by the Company under Section 162(m).

Table of ContentsEXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES
SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table summarizes the total compensation paid to or earned by our named executive officers for each of the fiscal years indicated.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)(2)	Stock Awards (\$)(3)	Option Award (\$)(4)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(4)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(5)	All Other Compensation (\$)(6)	Total (\$)
Peter S. Ho Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer & President	2015	776,077	—	2,318,779	—	1,950,000	—	150,563	5,195,419
	2014	794,424	—	5,680,158	—	1,250,000	2,358	141,969	7,868,909
	2013	754,847	—	1,506,366	—	1,200,000	—	146,213	3,607,426
Kent T. Lucien Vice Chairman, Chief Financial Officer	2015	433,776	—	515,561	—	495,000	—	78,773	1,523,110
	2014	443,942	425,000	912,232	—	470,000	—	96,970	2,348,144
	2013	423,500	—	502,281	—	419,000	—	71,668	1,416,449
Wayne Y. Hamano Vice Chairman, Chief Commercial Officer	2015	355,170	—	515,561	—	450,000	—	65,118	1,385,849
	2014	358,278	450,000	912,232	—	410,000	102,039	87,418	2,319,967
	2013	330,308	250,000	—	—	349,000	—	60,478	989,786
Mark A. Rossi Vice Chairman, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, & Corporate Secretary	2015	433,776	—	515,561	—	495,000	—	78,101	1,522,438
	2014	443,942	—	912,232	—	470,000	—	73,575	1,899,749
	2013	423,769	—	502,281	—	419,000	—	72,085	1,417,135
Mary E. Sellers Vice Chairman, Chief Risk Officer	2015	427,565	—	515,561	—	495,000	—	63,398	1,501,524
	2014	419,278	—	912,232	—	470,000	17,518	56,831	1,875,859
	2013	392,730	—	502,281	—	387,000	—	55,337	1,337,348

Messrs. Ho and Lucien received no fees or compensation for their services on the Board of Directors. The

(1) Company pays on a bi-weekly basis. In 2015, there were 26 payrolls in the year; however, in 2014 there was an additional payroll. The 27th payroll is an anomaly to the bi-weekly pay schedule that cycles through every 11 years, and does not indicate a decrease in the NEOs' base salaries column.

(2)

For Messrs. Lucien and Hamano, amounts reported in this line include retention payments made pursuant to employment agreements entered in 2010 and, amended from time to time to extend the retention period. The Company does not generally have employment agreements with its executives. However, the Committee has from time to time entered into agreements to retain key executives. In connection with the Company's 2010 leadership transition, the Company entered into Retention Agreements with Messrs. Lucien and Hamano. The agreements, as amended, provided for retention payments of \$425,000 to Mr. Lucien and \$450,000 to Mr. Hamano in August 2014 subject to their continued employment at the Company through July 31, 2014. Mr. Lucien remains employed as the Company's Vice Chairman and CFO and Mr. Hamano remains employed as Vice Chairman and Chief Commercial Officer.

(3) This column represents the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock units granted to each of the NEOs in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation." Restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards are valued at the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant.

(4) All amounts reported under this column relate to awards earned under the Executive Incentive Plan, as described on page 36.

(5) This column represents the annual change in the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits under the Employees' Retirement Plan of Bank of Hawaii. Messrs. Ho and Hamano and Ms. Sellers are the only NEOs who are participants of this plan, which was frozen at the end of 1995. For 2015, Messrs. Ho and Hamano's pension value declined by \$249 and \$1,254, respectively. For 2015, Ms. Sellers' pension value declined by \$1,627. For 2014, the increase in the value of the pension benefits from the prior measurement date is primarily due to the decrease in the discount rate used to measure the accumulated value of benefits (from 5.22% to 4.25%). In addition, the mortality table and improvement scale were updated for 2014. Additionally, for Mr. Hamano, the pension value increased by \$93,514 due to the correction in monthly accrued benefits from \$257.82 to \$813.85. For 2013, Messrs. Ho and Hamano's pension value declined by \$1,446 and \$1,760, respectively. For 2013, Ms. Sellers' pension value declined by \$4,377.

The Company has not provided above-market or preferential earnings on any nonqualified deferred compensation and, accordingly, no such amounts are reflected in this column.

(6) The All Other Compensation Table that follows provides additional detail regarding the amounts in this column.

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ALL OTHER COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth a breakdown of All Other Compensation paid to or earned by our NEOs for each of the fiscal years indicated.

Name	Year	Retirement Savings Plan Matching Contribution (\$)(1)	Value Sharing Funding (\$)(2)	Excess Plan Value Sharing Funding (\$)(3)	Retirement Savings Plan Company Fixed Contribution (\$)(4)	Excess Plan Company Fixed Contribution (\$)(5)	Executive Deferred Compensation Restoration Contribution (\$)(6)	Other Compensation (\$)(7)	Total All Other Compensation (\$)
Peter S. Ho	2015	10,600	7,638	50,762	7,950	52,832	—	20,781	150,563
	2014	10,400	7,173	47,848	7,800	52,032	—	16,716	141,969
	2013	10,200	6,512	47,878	7,650	56,246	—	17,727	146,213
Kent T. Lucien	2015	10,600	7,638	15,054	7,950	15,668	6,854	15,009	78,773
	2014	10,400	7,173	12,852	7,800	13,976	32,368	12,401	96,970
	2013	10,200	6,512	13,407	7,650	15,749	5,471	12,679	71,668
Wayne Y. Hamano	2015	9,600	7,638	6,345	7,950	6,603	16,474	10,508	65,118
	2014	10,400	7,173	19,741	7,800	21,467	10,463	10,374	87,418
	2013	10,200	6,512	11,929	7,650	14,014	10,173	—	60,478
Mark A. Rossi	2015	10,600	7,638	18,412	7,950	19,164	—	14,337	78,101
	2014	10,400	7,173	16,633	7,800	18,088	—	13,481	73,575
	2013	10,200	6,512	15,930	7,650	18,713	—	13,080	72,085
Mary E. Sellers	2015	10,600	7,638	18,233	7,950	18,977	—	—	63,398
	2014	10,400	7,173	14,856	7,800	16,155	447	—	56,831
	2013	10,200	6,512	11,903	7,650	13,983	5,089	—	55,337

(1) This column represents the Company match of an individual's salary deferral contributions to the RSP, a qualified defined contribution pension plan, subject to the Internal Revenue Code prescribed limit (which in 2015 was limited to \$265,000 of eligible compensation), and is available to all eligible employees. The Company makes a matching contribution of \$1.25 for each dollar of employee contribution up to 2% of eligible compensation, and a \$0.50 matching contribution for every dollar of employee contribution above 2% and up to 5% of eligible compensation.

For 2015, the total profit-sharing funding, or "Value Sharing Funding," equaled 2.88% of eligible compensation. The funding is allocated in the following manner and made available to all eligible employees: 1) a portion of the funding is allocated in cash, 2) to the extent permitted by IRS (\$265,000 of eligible compensation in 2015) and (2) RSP provisions, a portion is contributed to the RSP, and 3) any Value Sharing Funding on eligible compensation in excess of IRS limits are contributed to the Excess Benefit Plan (column 3). This column represents the sum of the cash portion and the portion contributed to the RSP. For 2015, the cash portion and the portion contributed to the RSP was \$1,366 and \$6,272 respectively, for each of the NEOs.

This column represents the Company's Value Sharing Funding based on 2.88% of eligible compensation in excess
(3) of the Internal Revenue Code prescribed limit (\$265,000 of eligible compensation in 2015) that is contributed to the Excess Benefit Plan, and is available to all eligible employees.

(4) The Company's Fixed Contribution to the RSP equaled 3% of eligible compensation, subject to the same Internal Revenue Code prescribed limits, and is available to all eligible employees.

The Company's Fixed Contribution to the RSP equaled 3% of eligible compensation. This column represents the
(5) Company's Fixed Contribution in excess of the Internal Revenue Code prescribed limits that is paid into the Excess Benefit Plan, and is available to all eligible employees.

(6) For 2015, Messrs. Lucien and Hamano were the only NEOs who deferred amounts under the Deferred Compensation Program. Refer to section "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation" for additional information.

(7) For 2015, this column includes the value of perquisites for Messrs. Ho, Lucien, Hamano, and Rossi, which include club membership dues, car services, spouse travel, and home security for Mr. Ho.

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NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Executive Deferred Compensation Program

The Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Program (the "Deferred Compensation Program") is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan that allows senior management (including the named executive officers) to defer up to 80% of their base salary earned for a specified year through the Executive Base Salary Deferral Plan (the "Salary Deferral Plan"), and to defer up to 100% of incentive payments under the Executive Incentive Plan. In 2015, Messrs. Lucien and Hamano deferred amounts under the Deferred Compensation Program.

For each Plan Year beginning in 2012, with respect to the deferred amount, a Deferred Compensation Program participant who is eligible for the Company Fixed Contribution and discretionary Value Sharing Contribution under the Company's qualified retirement plan, the Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan ("Retirement Savings Plan"), will receive an amount, referred to as "Restoration Contribution," equal to the sum of: (a) the "Fixed Contribution Percentage" as described in the Retirement Savings Plan for the immediately preceding Plan Year multiplied by the Elective Deferral Amount; plus (b) the "Value Sharing Allocation Percentage" as determined by the Company for purposes of the Retirement Savings Plan for the immediately preceding Plan Year multiplied by the Elective Deferral Amount.

A participant is always 100% vested in his or her deferred amounts. Deferred amounts under the Deferred Compensation Program are subject to adjustment for appreciation or depreciation in value based on hypothetical investments in one or more investment funds or vehicles permitted by the Committee and chosen by the participant. A participant's deferred amounts are generally payable beginning on the earliest to occur of the following: (a) a specified time chosen by the participant, or if none, the date that is six months following a separation from service, (b) the participant's death, (c) the participant's disability or (d) an "unforeseeable emergency" (generally, a severe financial hardship resulting from the illness of the participant or his or her spouse or dependent, or other extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising from events beyond the control of the participant). Distributions in the event of an unforeseeable emergency are subject to restrictions and are limited to an amount that is reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need. For distributions upon a separation from service or at a specified time chosen by a participant, the participant may choose to receive deferred amounts as a lump sum cash payment or in annual installments over a period not to exceed five years. The amount of each installment will be calculated using the "declining balance method," under which each installment payment is determined by dividing a participant's aggregate unpaid balance by the remaining years in the payment period. For distributions resulting from all other events, payment will be made as a lump sum cash payment.

The Company's obligations with respect to deferred amounts under the Salary Deferral Plan and the Executive Incentive Plan are payable from its general assets, although the Company has established a rabbi trust to assist it in meeting its liabilities under the plans. The assets of the trust are at all times subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors.

Retirement Savings Excess Benefit Plan

The Retirement Savings Excess Benefit Plan (the "Excess Benefit Plan") is a nonqualified supplemental retirement benefits plan that compensates participants for the amount of benefits that would otherwise be payable under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan but for limitations under Internal Revenue Code Sections 415 and 401(a)(17) as to the amount of annual contributions to, and annual benefits payable under, the Retirement Savings Plan. A participant's accrued benefits under the Excess Benefit Plan are hypothetically invested in one or more funds permitted by the Plan and chosen by the participant, and are adjusted for appreciation or depreciation in value attributable to such hypothetical investments.

For an individual who became a participant in the Excess Benefit Plan after May 19, 2006, the plan provides that benefits are payable upon a separation from service according to a distribution schedule that is determined by reference to the total amount accrued for the individual under the plan. A participant with:

- \$100,000 or less in deferred amounts will receive a lump sum payment six months after separation from service;
- more than \$100,000 but no more than \$300,000 in deferred amounts will receive distributions in two installments;
-

more than \$300,000 but no more than \$500,000 in deferred amounts will receive distributions in three installments;
and
more than \$500,000 in deferred amounts will receive distributions in five installments.

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In each case, the first installment will be paid on the first day of the seventh month following separation from service and subsequent installments will be paid in each subsequent January. An individual who first became a participant in the Excess Benefit Plan on or prior to May 19, 2006 will receive benefits upon the participant's separation from service and may have elected to be paid as follows: (a) according to the distribution schedule applicable to individuals who become participants after May 19, 2006, (b) in a lump sum on the first day of the seventh month following separation from service, or (c) in annual installments (not to exceed five) commencing on the first day of the seventh month following separation from service or commencing on an anniversary of the participant's separation from service (not later than the fifth anniversary). The amount of each installment will be calculated using the declining balance method. If a participant dies prior to the full distribution of his or her deferred amounts, any unpaid amounts remaining will be distributed in a lump sum to the participant's beneficiary.

The Company's obligations under the Excess Benefit Plan are payable from its general assets, although the Company has established a rabbi trust to assist it in meeting its liabilities under the plan. The assets of the trust are at all times subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors.

Set forth below is information regarding the amounts deferred by or for the benefit of the named executive officers in 2015.

NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION TABLE FOR 2015

Name	Executive Contributions In Last Fiscal Year (\$)(1)	Registrant Contributions In Last Fiscal Year (\$)(2)	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals or Distributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year-End (\$)(3)
Peter S. Ho	—	103,594	(8,683)	—	656,977
Kent T. Lucien	72,008	37,576	(39,581)	—	1,339,992
Wayne Y. Hamano	290,058	29,422	(22,688)	—	927,983
Mark A. Rossi	—	37,576	(15,839)	—	220,168
Mary E. Sellers	—	37,210	(11,890)	—	350,798

(1)During 2015, Messrs. Lucien and Hamano deferred \$22,508 and \$177,558, respectively, under the Salary Deferral Plan. Messrs. Lucien and Hamano also deferred \$49,500 and \$112,500, respectively, under the Executive Incentive Plan. The table below shows the Vanguard funds deemed available for selection by participants under the Deferred Compensation Program and their annual rate of return for the calendar year ended December 31, 2015, as reported by the administrator of the Deferred Compensation Program.

Name of Fund	Rate of Return	Name of Fund	Rate of Return
500 Index Fund Inv	1.25 %	Target Retirement 2020	(0.68)%
Emerging Markets Stock Index Inv	(15.47)%	Target Retirement 2025	(0.85)%
Explorer Fund Investor	(4.34)%	Target Retirement 2030	(1.03)%
U.S. Growth Fund Inv.	8.47 %	Target Retirement 2035	(1.26)%
High-Yield Corp Fund Inv	(1.39)%	Target Retirement 2040	(1.59)%
International Growth Inv	(0.67)%	Target Retirement 2045	(1.57)%
Mid-Cap Growth Fund	0.21 %	Target Retirement 2050	(1.58)%
Mid-Cap Index Fund Inv	(1.46)%	Target Retirement 2055	(1.72)%
Prime Money Market Fund	0.05 %	Target Retirement 2060	(1.68)%
Selected Value Fund	(3.80)%	Target Retirement Income	(0.17)%
Short-Term Federal Inv	0.73 %	Total Bond Market Index Inv	0.30 %
Small-Cap Index Fund Inv	(3.78)%	Wellington Fund Inv	0.06 %
Target Retirement 2010	(0.20)%	Windsor Fund Investor	(3.32)%
Target Retirement 2015	(0.46)%		

(2)

These amounts represent Excess Benefit Plan contributions by the Company for fiscal year 2015 which were paid in 2016 and accordingly are not included in the Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year-End column. See columns 3, 5, and 6 of the "All Other Compensation Table" for additional details.

(3) A portion of each amount listed in this column has been reported in the "Summary Compensation Table" in current and prior years' proxy statements for the years in which the named executive officer appeared in these proxy statements. The amounts reported are as follows: Mr. Ho, \$572,386; Mr. Lucien, \$1,181,395; Mr. Hamano, \$656,340; Mr. Rossi, \$160,444; and Ms. Sellers, \$259,309.

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GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS IN 2015

The following table summarizes the equity-based awards granted in 2015 to the named executive officers in the Summary Compensation Table.

Name	Type of Award(1)	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Stock Awards: Number of Shares or Units (#)	All Other Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
			Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum				
Peter S. Ho	(2) RSG	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	20,455	20,455	—	—	—	1,159,390
	(3) RSU	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	20,455	20,455	—	—	—	1,159,389
Kent T. Lucien	(2) RSG	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,781
	(3) RSU	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,780
Wayne Y. Hamano	(2) RSG	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,781
	(3) RSU	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,780
Mark A. Rossi	(2) RSG	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,781
	(3) RSU	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,780
Mary E. Sellers	(2) RSG	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,781
	(3) RSU	1/23/15	—	—	—	—	4,548	4,548	—	—	—	257,780

(1) Type of Award: RSG - Performance-Based Restricted Stock Grant

RSU - Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit

(2) Performance-based restricted stock was granted, of which 40% are First Category Shares, 40% are Second Category Shares, and 20% are Third Category Shares, which vests on March 1, 2018 provided service and performance criteria are met. Vesting is conditioned upon the Company's three year (for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017) average percentile ranking in the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index (less banks with assets greater than \$50.0 billion) and the grantee must remain an employee of the Company through March 1, 2018. The S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index was determined as of January 1, 2015. The First Category Shares will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Return-on-Equity is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 50th percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or shares will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile. The Second Category Shares will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Stock Price-to-Book Ratio is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 50th percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or shares will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile. The Third Category Shares will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Tier 1 Capital Ratio is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 50th

percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or shares will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile.

Performance-based restricted stock units were granted, of which 40% are First Category Units, 40% are Second Category Units and 20% are Third Category Units, which vests on March 1, 2018 provided service and performance criteria are met. Vesting is conditioned upon the Company's three year (for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017) average percentile ranking in the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index (less banks with assets greater than \$50.0 billion) and the grantee must remain an employee of the Company through March 1, 2018. The S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index was determined as of January 1, 2015. The First Category Units will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Return-on-Equity is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% of the units will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% of the units will vest if Company's ranking is at least in the 50th percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or units will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile. The

(3) Second Category Units will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Stock Price-to-Book Ratio is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 50th percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or units will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile. The Third Category Units will vest 100% if the three year average percentile ranking for Tier 1 Capital Ratio is in the top quartile of the S&P Supercomposite Regional Bank Index, 75% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 62.5th and not more than 74.9th percentile, 50% will vest if the Company's ranking is at least in the 50th percentile and not more than 62.49th percentile, or units will forfeit if the Company's ranking is below the 50th percentile. The restricted stock units will be settled in cash based on the closing price of the Company's stock on the vesting date.

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OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table presents a summary of unexercised stock options and restricted stock and unit awards held as of December 31, 2015 by the named executive officers in the Summary Compensation Table.

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)(7)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)(7)	
Peter S. Ho	23,333	—	—	42.22	11/18/21	310	(1) 19,499	20,455	(5) 1,286,620	
	23,333	—	—	47.72	1/20/22	668	(2) 42,017	20,455	(6) 1,286,620	
						45,126	(3) 2,838,425	—	—	
						34,598	(4) 2,176,214	—	—	
Kent T. Lucien	2,191	—	—	54.31	4/28/16	8,896	(3) 559,558	4,548	(5) 286,069	
	15,000	—	—	42.22	11/18/21	5,386	(4) 338,779	4,548	(6) 286,069	
	15,000	—	—	47.72	1/20/22	—	—	—	—	
Wayne Y. Hamano	—	—	—	—	—	5,386	(3) 338,779	4,548	(5) 286,069	
	—	—	—	—	—	5,386	(4) 338,779	4,548	(6) 286,069	
Mark A. Rossi	15,000	—	—	42.22	11/18/21	161	(1) 10,127	4,548	(5) 286,069	
	15,000	—	—	47.72	1/20/22	348	(2) 21,889	4,548	(6) 286,069	
						8,896	(3) 559,558	—	—	
						5,386	(4) 338,779	—	—	
Mary E. Sellers	15,000	—	—	42.22	11/18/21	140	(1) 8,806	4,548	(5) 286,069	
	15,000	—	—	47.72	1/20/22	304	(2) 19,122	4,548	(6) 286,069	
						8,896	(3) 559,558	—	—	
						5,386	(4) 338,779	—	—	

(1) These shares of restricted stock vest based on service conditions. A total of 611 shares vested for named executive officers on February 1, 2016.

(2)

These shares of restricted stock vest based on service conditions. A total of 660 shares vested for named executive officers on January 29, 2016. The future vesting date is January 31, 2017.

These are performance-based restricted stock in which the performance targets were achieved in 2013 and 2014. A (3) total of 44,333 shares vested for named executive officers on January 29, 2016. The future vesting dates are January 31, 2017 and January 31, 2018.

These are performance-based restricted stock units in which the performance targets were achieved in 2014 and are cash-settled. A total of 23,275 units at the Company's stock closing price on January 29, 2016 of \$59.93, totaling (4) \$1,394,871 was paid to the named executive officers on January 29, 2016. The future vesting dates are January 31, 2017 and January 31, 2018.

(5) These are performance-based restricted stock that will vest on March 1, 2018.

(6) These are performance-based restricted stock units that will be cash-settled and will vest on March 1, 2018.

(7) The amounts in these columns are based on the closing stock price of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2015 of \$62.90.

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OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED IN 2015

The following table includes values realized for stock options exercised, the vesting of restricted stock, and the payouts on performance-based restricted stock units in 2015. For further information on the vesting criteria for these restricted stock awards see the table “Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End.”

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)(2)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(3)
Peter S. Ho	54,919	678,799	38,675	2,316,912
Kent T. Lucien	—	—	8,268	489,792
Wayne Y. Hamano	4,776	59,031	4,758	291,618
Mark A. Rossi	—	—	8,603	508,954
Mary E. Sellers	21,490	265,654	8,561	506,552

(1) Value determined by subtracting the exercise price per share from the market value per share of the Company's common stock on the date of exercise and multiplying the difference by the number of shares acquired on exercise.

(2) Includes restricted stock units that were cash-settled.

Value determined by multiplying the number of vested shares by the closing market price per share of the

(3) Company's common stock on the vesting date or on the next business day in the event the vesting date was not on a business day.

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table contains information with respect to all of the Company's compensation plans (including individual compensation arrangements) under which securities are authorized for issuance as of December 31, 2015.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (#)(A)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$)(B)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column(A)) (#)(C)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	555,359	45.31	1,291,012

PENSION BENEFITS

The Employees' Retirement Plan of Bank of Hawaii (the “Retirement Plan”) provides retirement benefits for eligible employees based on the employee's years of service and average annual salary during the 60 consecutive months resulting in the highest average salary (excluding overtime, incentive plan payouts, and discretionary cash awards). The Retirement Plan was frozen as of December 31, 1995, except that for the five-year period commencing January 1, 1996, benefits for certain eligible participants were increased in proportion to the increase in the participant's average annual salary. As of December 31, 2000, the benefits under the Retirement Plan were completely frozen and not subject to increase for any additional years of service or increase in average annual salary. Messrs. Ho and Hamano

and Ms. Sellers are the only named executive officers who are participants in the Retirement Plan. A summary of their benefits are listed below:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years of Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefits (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Peter S. Ho	Employees' Retirement Plan of Bank of Hawaii	2	10,679	—
Wayne Y. Hamano	Employees' Retirement Plan of Bank of Hawaii	12	135,620	—
Mary E. Sellers	Employees' Retirement Plan of Bank of Hawaii	7	81,185	—

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CHANGE-IN-CONTROL, TERMINATION, AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

Bank of Hawaii's Change-in-Control Retention Plan (the "Retention Plan") provides a participant with benefits in the event of a change-in-control of the Company. The Retention Plan includes a "Double Trigger" payout requirement; there must be a change-in-control of the Company and, either the participant's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the participant for "good reason" within 24 months following a change-in-control of the Company. All of the current named executive officers are participants in the Retention Plan. Two levels of benefits are payable to participants in the Retention Plan, with executives holding the position of Vice Chairman or above being eligible for the higher tier of benefits. Messrs. Ho, Lucien, Hamano, and Rossi, and Ms. Sellers are eligible for the higher tier of benefits (described in the table below). In consideration of the benefits payable under the Retention Plan, participants are, for 12 months following termination of employment, subject to non-disclosure, non-competition (generally with respect to any other financial institution doing business in Hawaii), non-solicitation of business and employees, and non-disparagement restrictions.

The Retention Plan limits any payment or benefit under the Plan to an amount that would not be subject to Excise Tax even if the benefits would be substantially eliminated as a result of this limit, and prohibits the payment under the Plan of any tax gross up payments to executives in connection with any payment or benefit under the Plan.

Under the Retention Plan, a "change-in-control" will be deemed to have occurred if:

- any person or group becomes the beneficial owner of 25% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's securities that are entitled to vote for the election of directors;

- a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company or the sale of substantially all of its assets occurs (excluding a transaction in which beneficial owners of the Company immediately prior to the transaction continue to own more than 60% of the total outstanding stock of the resulting entity and of the combined voting power of the entity's securities that are entitled to vote for the election of directors); or

- individuals who constituted the Board of Directors as of April 30, 2004 cease to constitute a majority of the Board, including as a result of actual or threatened election contests or through consents by or on behalf of a party other than the Board (but disregarding directors whose nomination or election was approved by at least a majority of the directors as of April 30, 2004 or other directors approved by them).

A participant is deemed to have "good reason" if one or more of the following occur after a change-in-control without the participant's written consent:

- a material reduction in the participant's base salary, authority, duties or responsibilities, or in the budget over which the participant has authority;

- a material reduction in the authority, duties or responsibilities of the participant's supervisor;

- the participant is required to relocate to a different Hawaiian Island for employment or to a place more than 50 miles from the participant's base of employment immediately prior to the change-in-control; or

- any other action or inaction that constitutes a material breach by the Company of the Retention Plan or the participant's employment agreement.

The terms of the Company's 2014 Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan provide for full acceleration of vesting of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and stock options upon the occurrence of a change-in-control of the Company. We believe that it is generally appropriate to fully vest equity and incentive-based awards to employees in a change-in-control transaction because such a transaction may often cut short or reduce the employee's ability to realize value with respect to such awards. Commencing in April 2013, all new restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock option agreements which, by their terms, provide for acceleration of vesting in the event of a change-in-control, require a "Double Trigger" for acceleration to occur, as provided in the Retention Plan. The Executive Incentive Plan provides that incentive awards will, upon a change-in-control of the Company, be prorated as though the applicable performance period ended on the change-in-control date, and will be calculated as an amount equal to two times a participant's incentive allocation for the prorated performance period.

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The table below sets forth the benefits that would have been payable to each of the named executive officers had a qualifying termination occurred under the terms of the Retention Plan or plans with change-in-control provisions on December 31, 2015.

Name	Base Salary and Bonus Payment (\$)(1)(8)	Executive Incentive Plan Payment (\$)(2)(8)	Health Benefits (\$)(3)	Outplacement (\$)(4)	Relocation of Payment (\$)(5)	Acceleration of Restricted Stock (\$)(6)(8)	Non-competition Payment (\$)(7)	Total (\$)
Peter S. Ho	3,120,000	1,560,000	48,744	23,603	150,000	7,649,395	1,560,000	14,111,742
Kent T. Lucien	1,569,600	697,600	43,913	23,603	150,000	1,470,476	784,800	4,739,992
Wayne Y. Hamano	1,213,800	499,800	49,998	23,603	150,000	1,249,697	606,900	3,793,798
Mark A. Rossi	1,569,600	697,600	32,946	23,603	150,000	1,502,492	784,800	4,761,041
Mary E. Sellers	1,569,600	697,600	33,306	23,603	150,000	1,498,404	784,800	4,757,313

Under the Retention Plan, participants who hold the position of Vice Chairman or above would be entitled to the sum of (a) two times the participant's highest annual base salary in the three fiscal years preceding termination of employment (the "Highest Base Salary"), and (b) two times the product of the participant's annual bonus target (1) percentage under the Executive Incentive Plan in the year of termination and the participant's Highest Base Salary. Amounts would be payable in a lump sum in the month following termination unless the participant is a "key employee" as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 416(i)(1)(A)(i), (ii) or (iii), in which case amounts would be payable in a lump sum on the first day of the seventh month following termination.

The Executive Incentive Plan provides that upon a change-in-control of the Company, a participant who would otherwise be entitled to a final award for a performance period ending after the date of the change-in-control will (2) be entitled to an amount equal to two times the participant's annual bonus target percentage under the plan (calculated based on the participant's annualized salary), prorated to the number of months elapsed in the applicable performance period. The final award would be paid within ten days after the end of the shortened performance period.

In lieu of Company-paid health benefits, Retention Plan participants who hold the position of Vice Chairman or above would be entitled to an amount equal to three times the cost of annual COBRA premiums for the medical, (3) dental and vision plan coverage that was provided to the participant immediately prior to termination (or coverage provided to employees generally if the participant was not covered by the Company's health plans prior to termination). Amounts would be payable in a lump sum as described in (1) above.

(4) Under the Retention Plan, participants who hold the position of Vice Chairman or above would be entitled to reimbursement for outplacement expenses not to exceed \$20,000 (adjusted for inflation after 2007).

For participants who hold the position of Vice Chairman or above, the Retention Plan provides for reimbursement of reasonable moving expenses incurred by the participant within 24 months following a qualifying termination (to (5) the extent not reimbursed by another employer). The maximum reimbursement for real estate transaction expenses shall not exceed \$100,000 and the maximum reimbursement for all other reasonable moving expenses shall not exceed \$50,000.

Under the 2014 Stock and Incentive Plan, a change-in-control would accelerate the lapsing of restrictions applicable to any restricted stock, restricted stock units, and stock options granted under such plan. Commencing in (6) April 2013, all new restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock option agreements which, by their terms, provide for acceleration of vesting in the event of a change-in-control, require a "Double Trigger" for acceleration to occur, as provided in the Retention Plan.

(7) Under the Retention Plan, a participant who holds the position of Vice Chairman or above is eligible to receive an amount equal to the sum of (a) one times the participant's Highest Base Salary, and (b) the product of the participant's annual bonus target percentage under the Executive Incentive Plan in the year of termination and the

participant's Highest Base Salary, provided that the participant refrains from competing against the Company (generally with respect to any other financial institution doing business in Hawaii) and also complies with the non-solicitation, non-disclosures and non-disparagement provisions of the plan for twelve months following the date of termination. The payment described in this section would be paid in a lump sum in the thirteenth month following termination.

In 2009, the Company amended the Retention Plan to limit any payment or benefit under the plan to an amount that would not be subject to Excise Tax even if the benefits would be substantially eliminated as a result of this (8) limit. Under the terms of the Retention Plan, if it is determined that any payment or benefit would be subject to Excise Tax, then the benefit payments will be reduced first from equity compensation and then from salary and bonus to the extent that the value of the reduced benefit payments will not be subject to any Excise Tax.

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SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company to disclose late filings of reports of ownership (and changes in stock ownership) of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock by its directors and certain officers. To our knowledge, based on review of the copies of such reports received by the Company and the written representations of its directors and officers, the Company believes that all of its directors and officers complied timely with those filing requirements for 2015, except for one transaction. Mr. Robert Huret's exercise of a stock option was filed timely on a Form 4 on April 28, 2015; however, in preparing the Form 4, the Company transposed the number of shares acquired, which resulted in an overstatement of the total number of shares acquired by Mr. Huret. Upon discovery of the transposition error, an amended Form 4 was filed.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company has written ethics and business conduct policies and procedures to monitor and approve related party transactions, including procedures related to any loans the Company makes to executive officers and directors. The Company also conducts ethics training for its officers and directors. In accordance with applicable NYSE listing standards, each related party transaction is reviewed and evaluated by an appropriate group, generally the Audit & Risk Committee, to determine whether a particular relationship serves the best interest of the Company and its shareholders and whether the relationship should be continued. The Company also has adopted a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the “Code”) for all directors, officers and employees to address, among other topics, possible conflicts of interest, corporate opportunities, compliance responsibilities, and reporting and accountability. The Code stresses personal accountability. Directors, officers, or employees who become aware of conflicts of interest or are concerned that a conflict might develop are required to disclose the matter promptly.

In accordance with the applicable NYSE listing standards and the Code, any material transactions or relationships involving a director or executive officer that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest must be approved or ratified by the Audit & Risk Committee and a list of those approvals and ratifications must be submitted semi-annually to the Board of Directors. The Audit & Risk Committee approves or ratifies material transactions or relationships involving a director or executive officer based on the facts and circumstances of each case. In addition to self-reporting, information about potential conflicts of interest is obtained as part of the annual questionnaire process. In response to the annual Directors’ and Officers’ Questionnaire, each director and executive officer submits to the Corporate Secretary a description of any current or proposed related party transactions. These transactions are presented to the Audit & Risk Committee for review and approval or ratification.

The Company and its subsidiaries are also subject to extensive federal regulations regarding certain transactions, including banking regulations relating to the extension of credit by subsidiary banks to insiders, such as executive officers and directors, as well as entities in which these individuals have specified control positions.

During 2015, the Company and its banking and investment subsidiaries engaged in transactions in the ordinary course of business with one or more of the Company’s directors and executive officers, members of their immediate families, corporations and organizations of which one or more of them was a beneficial owner of 10% or more of a class of equity securities, certain of their associates and affiliates, and certain trusts and estates of which one or more of them was a trustee or beneficiary. All loans to such persons were made in the ordinary course of business, were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to the Company, and did not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

Mr. Donald M. Takaki, a current director, who due to retirement is not standing for re-election to the Board, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HawkTree International, Inc. (“HawkTree”) and its subsidiaries, Pacific Courier, Inc. (“PCI”), and Island Movers, Inc. (“Island Movers”). PCI provides courier and ATM servicing/currency transportation services to the Company through two separate contracts, and Island Movers, Inc. provides moving/relocation and record storage services to the Bank. In 2015, the Company paid PCI approximately \$1,486,000 pursuant to the courier contract and approximately \$3,372,000 pursuant to the ATM servicing and currency transportation services contract. In 2015, the Company paid Island Movers, Inc. approximately \$10,000. The above-mentioned transactions were made in the ordinary course of business and made on terms and conditions comparable to contracts with other customers not related to the Company. The Audit & Risk Committee has previously ratified and approved the contracts with HawkTree, PCI, and Island Movers, Inc.

Mr. Raymond P. Vara, Jr., a current director and director nominee, is President and CEO for Hawaii Pacific Health (“HPH”), a non-profit health care system and Hawaii’s largest health care provider with annual gross revenues in excess of \$1,100,000,000. In 2015, the Company served as administrator of an HPH defined contribution plan and received fees for such services of approximately \$335,899. The above-mentioned transaction was made in the ordinary course of business and made on terms and conditions comparable to contracts with other customers not related to the Company.

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PROPOSAL 3: RATIFICATION OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR
 The Audit & Risk Committee has selected Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2016. The Board recommends that the shareholders ratify this selection. Ernst & Young LLP has been the Company's independent registered public accounting firm since its incorporation in 1971. We expect representatives of Ernst & Young LLP to attend the annual meeting. Ernst & Young LLP has indicated that they will have no statement to make but will be available to respond to questions. If this Proposal does not pass, the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm will be reconsidered by the Audit & Risk Committee. The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the foregoing proposal.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP FEES

Ernst & Young LLP's fees for professional services rendered for 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

Service	2015	2014
Audit Fees	\$1,364,800	\$1,351,674
Audit-Related Fees	211,400	197,000
Tax Fees	130,166	97,265
Total	\$1,706,366	\$1,645,939

Audit Fees

The audit fees represent audit fees and administrative expenses for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements, the review of our quarterly financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and the audit of our internal control over financial reporting. Audit fees also represent fees for professional services rendered for statutory and subsidiary audits.

Audit-Related Fees

The audit-related fees represent fees for employee benefit plan audits, services with respect to Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16 related to the Company's trust operations and mortgage compliance, and other attestation reports.

Tax Fees

The tax fees represent fees for the preparation of expatriate tax returns and other tax advisory and compliance services.

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AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

As members of the Audit & Risk Committee, we review the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Audit & Risk Committee Charter, which outlines the committee's responsibilities, is available on the Company's website at www.boh.com. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the systems of internal controls and disclosure controls. In this context, we have met and held discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. Management represented to us that the Company's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and we have reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements and related disclosures with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, including a review of the significant management judgments underlying the financial statements and disclosures.

The independent registered public accounting firm reports to us. We have sole authority to appoint and to terminate the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm. As a matter of best practice, we submit the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm to shareholders for ratification.

We have discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's ("PCAOB") Accounting Standard No. 16, "Communications with Audit Committees," including the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements. In addition, we have received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and have discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence from the Company and its management. In concluding that the independent registered public accounting firm is independent, we determined, among other things, that the audit and non-audit services provided by Ernst & Young LLP were compatible with its independence. Consistent with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Audit & Risk Committee has adopted policies to avoid compromising the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm, such as prior committee approval of audit, non-audit, tax, and all other services, and required audit partner rotation.

We discussed with the Company's internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm the overall scope and plans for their respective audits, including internal control testing under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We met with our internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, and in private sessions with members of senior management to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. We also periodically met in executive session.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, as members of the Audit & Risk Committee, we recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board of Directors subsequently approved the recommendation) that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have also appointed the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, subject to shareholder ratification, for 2016.

As submitted by the members of the Audit & Risk Committee,

Clinton R. Churchill, Chairman

Robert Huret, Vice Chairman

Mary G. F. Bitterman

Mark A. Burak

Victor K. Nichols

Martin A. Stein

Raymond P. Vara, Jr.

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AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On an annual basis, the Audit & Risk Committee pre-approves all auditing and permitted non-audit services to be provided by Ernst & Young LLP, except that the Audit & Risk Committee need not pre-approve any permitted non-audit services that meet the requirements of any de minimis exception established by SEC rules. The pre-approved list of services consists of audit services, audit-related services, and tax services. The Audit & Risk Committee or its designee, the Committee Chairman, must specifically approve any type of service that is not included on the pre-approved list of services, provided that any such pre-approval by the Committee Chairman is presented to the full Audit & Risk Committee at its next meeting. Any proposed service that is included on the list of pre-approved services but will cause the pre-approved fee level to be exceeded also requires specific pre-approval by the Audit & Risk Committee or its designee, the Committee Chairman, provided that any such pre-approval by the Committee Chairman is presented to the full Audit & Risk Committee at its next meeting.

All of the services provided by, and fees paid to, Ernst & Young LLP in 2015 were pre-approved by the Audit & Risk Committee, and there were no services for which the de minimis exception permitted in certain circumstances under SEC rules was utilized.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors knows of no other business for consideration at the annual meeting. However, if other matters properly come before the meeting or any adjournment, the person or persons voting your shares pursuant to instructions by proxy card, telephone, or the Internet will vote as they deem in the best interests of Bank of Hawaii Corporation.

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the related consolidated financial statements and schedules filed with the SEC, is available without charge to any shareholder who requests a copy in writing. Any exhibit to Form 10-K is also available upon written request at a reasonable charge for copying and mailing. Written requests should be made to the Corporate Secretary at 130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

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