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**List of Registered Fundraisers for Charitable Organizations Available
for the First Time On the Internet**

(HONOLULU) A list of registered and bonded professional solicitors who solicit Hawaii donors on behalf of charitable organizations, or fundraising counsels who assist with Hawaii fundraising campaigns is now available on via the Attorney General's internet site.

This is the first time that both Hawaii charitable organizations and donors can access this information in a readily available form and through the Internet.

We are really pleased that for the first time, Hawaii's charities have a very simple and efficient way to determine whether their fundraising consultants and solicitors are registered and bonded as required by Hawaii law, said Attorney General Mark Bennett, "Hawaii charities and their donors can now make better informed decisions when fundraising or giving."

The list also includes registered solicitors and fundraising counsels for mainland charitable organizations that solicit Hawaii donors.

Any person who, for a fee, solicits Hawaii donors on behalf of a charitable organization or any consultant that provides advice or assistance in connection with such a campaign, must register with the Attorney General and file a \$25,000 bond. The law does not require salaried employees of a charity to register. Any charity may terminate any contract with unregistered fundraiser and charitable solicitation by unregistered fundraisers constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice under the State's consumer protection laws. Any knowing or intentional failure to register is a criminal offense and may be punished as provided by law.

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Answers to frequently asked questions about the registration law is also available on the Attorney General's website. <http://www.hawaii.gov/ag/index.html>

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