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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 30, 2020

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Mia Shiraishi, Chair and Members of the Board of Ethics Mia Shiraishi

Re: **BOARD OF ETHICS STATEMENT ON COUNCILMEMBER ARTHUR BRUN**

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The Office of Boards and Commissions has received inquiries following the arrests of Councilman Arthur Brun involving criminal charges for alleged violations of both Federal and State laws. Some have asked why the Board of Ethics of the County of Kauai has not taken any action to investigate Councilman Brun and attempt to remove him from public office.

After consulting with the Office of the County Attorney it is our understanding the Board of Ethics' duties are limited to initiating, receiving, hearing or investigating complaints of violations of the Code of Ethics as defined in the County Charter and the County Code of Ordinances.

While the Board is vested with the power to file impeachment proceedings, it may only do so for violations of the Code of Ethics.

As such, the Board of Ethics does not have the jurisdiction or the legal authority to initiate any investigations or proceedings against Councilmember Brun.

For more detailed information you may refer to the document titled "A guide to Ethical Issues in the Kauai County Government" which can be found at [Kauai.gov/Board of Ethics](http://Kauai.gov/Board of Ethics) webpage.

Signature: Mia Shiraishi  
Mia Shiraishi (May 27, 2020 12:00 HST)

