UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

August 21, 2023

| ANDREW EWOMA EHERE, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | 8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding |
| V. |) | OCAHO Case No. 2022B00057 |
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| HAWAIIUSA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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Appearances: Andrew Ewoma Ehere, pro se Complainant

Kendra Kawai, Esq. and D. Elliot Gonzalez, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This case arises under the employment discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. Complainant, Andrew Ewoma Ehere, filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) on September 20, 2022 alleging that Respondent, HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union, discriminated against him based on his national origin and citizenship status in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1), and engaged in unfair immigration-related documentary practices, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(6).

After receiving consent from both parties, the undersigned referred this matter to OCAHO's Settlement Officer Program for a period of sixty days beginning on May 23, 2023, and later extended the referral period until August 21, 2023. *See* Order Referr'g Case to Settlement Officer Prog.; Order Granting Settlement Officer Prog. Ext.

On August 18, 2023, the parties filed a Notice of Settlement and Joint Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice. The parties write executed a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement on August 10, 2023, which "resolves this matter in its entirety," and jointly request that the ALJ "dismiss this matter in its entirety with prejudice pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14." Joint Mot. Dismiss 1–2.

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2), where parties have entered into a settlement agreement, they shall "[n]otify the Administrative Law Judge that the parties have reached a full settlement and

have agreed to dismissal of the action. Dismissal of the action shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Law Judge, who may require the filing of the settlement agreement." The parties' August 18, 2023 filing provides notice of settlement that comports with 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2).

Accordingly, the parties' Joint Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED, and the case is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on August 21, 2023.

Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton Administrative Law Judge

¹ While the Court may require the filing of a settlement agreement, it declines to do so here.