

BANK OF HAWAII CORP
Form 8-K
February 23, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported) **February 17, 2009**

BANK OF HAWAII CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1-6887
(Commission
File Number)

99-0148992
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
(Address of principal executive offices)

96813
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

(808) 694-8822

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TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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Item 5.02 Department of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(e) On February 17, 2009, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Bank of Hawaii Corporation (the Company) granted Mr. Kent T. Lucien, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, Mr. Mark A. Rossi, Vice Chairman and Corporate Secretary, and Ms. Mary E. Sellers, Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer, a cash award of \$200,000 (the Grant). The Grant is subject to certain terms and conditions, including the agreement that payment, net of taxes, be returned should employment be terminated due to reasons other than death, disability or retirement in the year following the second payment.

In 2008, the Committee approved the Cash for Equity Program as an alternative to equity based compensation. The goals of the program are to accelerate stock accumulation, simplify compensation and foster long-term employment.

The foregoing does not constitute a complete summary of the terms of the Grant and reference is made to the complete text of the Grant attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2. The Grant is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits*

Exhibit No.

10.2 Cash for Equity Grant Agreement

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 23, 2009

BANK OF HAWAII CORPORATION

By:

/s/ MARK A. ROSSI
Mark A. Rossi
Vice Chairman and Corporate Secretary