

BANK OF HAWAII CORP
Form 8-K
October 24, 2018

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) October 24, 2018

BANK OF HAWAII CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-6887 99-0148992
(State of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer
File Number) Identification No.)

130 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(808) 694-8822
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.

On October 19, 2018, the Bank of Hawaii Corporation's (the "Company") Board of Directors (the "Board") approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws (as amended, the "By-Laws") to adopt an exclusive forum bylaw provision designating the courts of Delaware as the sole permissible venues for most shareholder class and derivative litigation against the Company or its directors under Section 8.1 of the By-Laws. The amendment of the By-Laws of the Company became effective immediately upon its adoption. The amendment is designed to protect the Company and its shareholders by preventing waste and allowing the Company to better manage its litigation landscape by imposing order and consistency before litigation begins and avoiding duplicative lawsuits, excessive expense and venue abuse.

The foregoing description of the amendment to the By-Laws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the By-Laws, a copy of which is being filed as Exhibit 3.2 to this Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

3.2 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Bank of Hawaii Corporation

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: October 24, 2018 Bank of Hawaii Corporation

By: /s/ Mark A. Rossi
Mark A. Rossi
Vice Chairman and Corporate Secretary