
**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) **December 9, 2008**

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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - 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 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 9, 2008, Bank of Hawaii Corporation announced the appointment of Derek J. Norris as Executive Vice President, Controller and Principal Accounting Officer of Bank of Hawaii Corporation effective December 15, 2008. Mr. Norris previously held the position of Executive Vice President and General Auditor, in which he has served since 1999.

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: December 10, 2008

BANK OF HAWAII CORPORATION

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