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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO  
 SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

OR

TRANSITION REPORT  
PURSUANT TO  
 SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934

For the transition period from to  
Commission file number 1-6887

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:  
Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan
- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:  
Bank of Hawaii Corporation  
130 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### REQUIRED INFORMATION

Listed below are the financial statements and exhibits filed as part of the annual report.

##### A. Financial Statements

1. Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
2. Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016
3. Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
4. Notes to Financial Statements
5. Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

##### B. Exhibits

- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bank  
of  
Hawaii  
Retirement  
Savings  
Plan  
(Name of Plan)

Date: June 27, 2018 /s/ PETER  
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Peter S. Ho  
Chairman of  
the Board and  
Chief  
Executive  
Officer,  
and President  
of Bank of  
Hawaii  
Corporation

/s/ DEAN  
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Vice Chair and  
Chief Financial  
Officer of  
Bank of  
Hawaii  
Corporation

/s/ BRENT  
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Brent T. Flygar  
Senior Vice  
President and  
Controller  
of Bank of  
Hawaii  
Corporation

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan  
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016  
With Report of Independent Registered  
Public Accounting Firm



Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Plan Participants, the Plan Administrator and Audit & Risk Committee of  
Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplemental Schedule

The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2017 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The information in the supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the information, we evaluated whether such information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Plan's auditor since at least 1993, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

Honolulu, Hawaii

June 27, 2018

Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)	
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$581,473	\$519,863
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	6,214	6,002
Notes receivable from participants	5,904	5,770
Total receivables	12,118	11,772
Net assets available for benefits	\$593,591	\$531,635

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



## Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)	
Additions		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	\$ 16,191	\$ 13,550
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	61,603	37,431
	77,794	50,981
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	258	249
Contributions:		
Participants	11,487	10,725
Employer	11,002	10,464
Participant rollovers	797	294
	23,286	21,483
Total additions	101,338	72,713
Deductions		
Benefit payments	(38,898 )	(38,022 )
Administrative expenses	(484 )	(316 )
Total deductions	(39,382 )	(38,338 )
Net increase	61,956	34,375
Net assets available for benefits:		
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	531,635	497,260
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 593,591	\$ 531,635

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

#### 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information about the Plan’s provisions. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

##### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan for employees of Bank of Hawaii Corporation, and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) who have at least 60 days of service. In addition, the Company provides matching contributions after completion of 12 months of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Bank of Hawaii (the “Bank” or the “Plan Administrator”), a subsidiary of the Company, is the Plan administrator and plan sponsor. All assets of the Plan are held in trust by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (“Vanguard”), as trustee, and all benefits are provided by such trust.

##### Contributions

Participating employees are allowed to contribute up to 50% of their eligible compensation (within federal limits) to the Plan. The Company makes matching contributions on behalf of participants equal to \$1.25 for each \$1.00 contributed by participants, up to 2% of the participants’ eligible compensation, and \$0.50 for every \$1.00 contributed by participants over 2%, up to 5% of the participants’ eligible compensation. A 3% fixed contribution and a discretionary value-sharing contribution, that is linked to the Company’s financial goals, are made regardless of whether the participating employee contributes to the Plan and are invested in accordance with the participant’s selection of investment options available under the Plan. Value-sharing contributions were approximately \$2,300,000 for the year ended December 31, 2017, relatively unchanged from December 31, 2016. Total employer and employee contributions are limited to certain maximum annual amounts, including those imposed under the Internal Revenue Code.

Participants direct their elective contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan and can change their investment options. The Company’s contributions are also invested as directed by the participants.

##### Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and the Company’s matching contributions and allocation of Plan earnings, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Plan earnings are allocated based on the participant’s share of net earnings or losses of their respective elected investment options. Allocations of administrative expenses are based on the participant’s account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

##### Vesting

Under current Plan provisions, participants are immediately vested in their accounts.

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## Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

##### Forfeitures

Benefit payments, issued to participants by check, that are outstanding for more than 90 days are deemed to be forfeited and are moved into a forfeiture account. Forfeited amounts that are not used to restore amounts previously forfeited may be credited against employer contributions required for the calendar year. During the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the forfeiture balances credited against employer contributions required for the plan year were approximately \$5,000 and \$26,000, respectively. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the cumulative forfeited vested amount to be used for future employer contributions was approximately \$2,000 and \$6, respectively.

##### Participant Loans

Participants are allowed to borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the current value of their account balance. Loan terms do not exceed five years unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and are made at a reasonable rate of interest. Principal and interest is repaid ratably into the participant's account through payroll deductions. No loans secured by Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock are permitted.

##### Benefit Payments

A participant is entitled to allocations of the Company's fixed and value-sharing contributions for the calendar year in which the participant terminated employment due to retirement, disability or death. For termination of employment prior to retirement (normal and early), disability or death, the participant's vested account will be distributed as soon as practicable. For all accounts under the Plan that exceed \$5,000, a distribution can only be made if the participant consents in writing to such a distribution. For the money purchase accounts, participants are entitled to receive the vested portion of their account in the form of a joint and survivor or life annuity or may elect to receive distribution in the form of a single lump sum payment. In case of death, beneficiaries may elect to receive distributions as a lump sum or as an annuity contract. Participants may also elect to defer distributions.

##### Benefits Payable

There were no benefits approved but not yet paid as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

##### Administrative Expenses

Fees paid to the Plan's trustee and other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Plan are paid by the Company. Administrative expenses, including managed account fees, loan processing fees, and consulting fees and other expenses relating to purchases, sales, or transfers of the Plan's investments are paid by the Plan.

##### Plan Termination

In the event that the Board of Directors of the Bank terminates the Plan, each member's interest in the Plan will remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. The Board of Directors may require all participants and beneficiaries to withdraw

such amounts in cash, in kind, in any other form or any combination thereof, as it may determine in its sole discretion.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of the Plan are maintained on the accrual basis.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when approved.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2017 or 2016. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices. The units of the collective trust fund are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") established by the fund's sponsor on the last business day of the plan year based on the fair value of the underlying assets. Shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock are valued at the quoted market price at year-end.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

The net realized gain or loss on investments sold during the year and the unrealized gain or loss on investments held at year-end are reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits as net appreciation in fair value of investments. The net realized gains and losses on investments sold is computed using the average cost method.



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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurements apply whenever GAAP requires or permits assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value either on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or most advantageous market for an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is based on the assumptions that management believes market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability.

Fair value measurement and disclosure guidance established a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the use of inputs used in valuation methodologies. Management maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when determining fair value measurements. Management reviews and updates the fair value hierarchy classifications of the Company's assets on a quarterly basis. The three-level fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices, unadjusted, for identical assets in active markets. A quoted price in an active market provides the most reliable evidence of fair value and shall be used to measure fair value whenever available. A contractually binding sales price also provides reliable evidence of fair value.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active; or inputs that utilize model-based techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement; utilize model-based techniques for which significant assumptions are not observable in the market; or require significant management judgment or estimation, some of which may be internally developed.

In determining fair value measurements, management assesses whether the volume and level of activity for an asset have significantly decreased. In such instances, management determines whether recent quoted prices are associated with illiquid or inactive markets. If management concludes that quoted prices are associated with illiquid or inactive markets, adjustments to the quoted prices may be necessary or management may conclude that a change in valuation technique or the use of multiple valuation techniques may be appropriate to estimate an asset's fair value.

The following describes the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets recorded at fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the New York Stock Exchange on which the individual security is traded.

Collective trust: Valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV, as provided by the issuer of the fund, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities.





## Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## 3. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value:

## Assets Measured at Fair Value as of December 31, 2017:

(Dollars in Thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 476,432	\$ —	\$ —	—\$476,432
Common stock	44,380	—	—	44,380
	\$ 520,812	\$ —	\$ —	—520,812
Collective trust valued at NAV				60,661
Total assets at fair value				\$581,473

## Assets Measured at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016:

(Dollars in Thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 412,522	\$ —	—\$	—\$412,522
Common stock	47,791	—	—	47,791
	\$ 460,313	\$ —	—\$	—460,313
Collective trust valued at NAV				59,550
Total assets at fair value				\$519,863

The collective trust can be transferred into a stock fund, a balanced fund, or a bond fund with an average duration of more than four years as often as the participant chooses; however, it must remain there for 90 days before transferring it into a short-term bond or money market fund.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. Transactions and Agreements With Parties-in-Interest

Plan investments include shares of mutual funds and a collective trust fund managed by Vanguard, the trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan. Accordingly, transactions involving shares of such mutual funds and collective trust fund are considered party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan's investments also include shares of common stock of the Company. Transactions in shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions under the provisions of ERISA. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Plan made purchases of \$1,134,000 and \$1,358,000, respectively, and sales of \$3,900,000 and \$6,412,000, respectively, of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock on behalf of its participants. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Plan held 517,851 and 538,855 shares of Bank of Hawaii Corporation common stock, respectively, representing 8% and 9%, respectively, of the total net assets of the Plan.

6. Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") dated November 1, 2017, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The determination letter from the IRS was requested on January 29, 2016. Subsequent to this request, the Plan Sponsor executed Amendments 2017-2 and 2017-3. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and therefore believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2017, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Company believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.



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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Draft Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the statement of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2017 and 2016 and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 to the draft Form 5500 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2017	2016
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$593,591	\$531,635
Adjustment from deemed distributions	(14 )	(6 )
Net assets available for benefits per the draft Form 5500	\$593,577	\$531,629
	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
	2017	2016
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$61,956	\$34,375
Adjustment from deemed distribution	(8 )	—
Total net gain per the draft Form 5500	\$61,948	\$34,375

Supplemental Schedule

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## Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

EIN #99-0033900 Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
(Dollars in Thousands)

December 31, 2017

Description	Number of Shares/ Units		Current Cost Value
Mutual funds			
Vanguard Emerging Market Stock Index Fund	305,876	*	\$ 8,880
Vanguard Explorer Admiral Fund	32,910	*	2,909
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund	192,943	*	193
Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Fund	1,221,551	*	7,232
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	421,524	*	102,624
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2015 Fund	504,037	*	11,084
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2020 Fund	727,796	*	16,397
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2025 Fund	1,185,126	*	27,092
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2030 Fund	703,631	*	16,268
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2035 Fund	912,702	*	21,330
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2040 Fund	409,960	*	9,683
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2045 Fund	360,668	*	8,584
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2050 Fund	199,176	*	4,744
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2055 Fund	108,362	*	2,585
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2060 Fund	75,172	*	1,794
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2065 Fund	20	*	1
Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement Income Fund	232,069	*	4,989
Vanguard International Growth Fund	367,178	*	35,095
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Fund	148,221	*	3,915
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	381,307	*	16,137
Vanguard Selected Value Fund	106,530	*	3,331
Vanguard Short-Term Index Fund	886,527	*	9,415
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund	163,959	*	11,605
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	1,852,521	*	19,915
Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund	132,168	*	12,503
Vanguard Wellington Admiral Fund	955,794	*	69,372
Vanguard Windsor Fund	617,315	*	48,755
Total mutual funds			476,432

All investments are with parties-in-interest to the Plan.

\*Participant-directed investment; the disclosure of cost is not required.

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Bank of Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan

EIN #99-0033900 Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)  
(Dollars in Thousands)

December 31, 2017

Description	Number of Shares/ Units	Current Cost	Value
Collective Trust			
Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III	60,661,135	*	\$60,661
Common Stock			
Bank of Hawaii common stock	517,851	*	44,380
Notes Receivable from Participants			
Notes receivable from participants - interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 7.25%			5,904
			\$587,377

All investments are with parties-in-interest to the Plan.

\* Participant-directed investment; the disclosure of cost is not required.