

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In re Kelly E. Duell

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i denied Kelly E. Duell’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The court concluded that the petitioner had not presented a special reason for the court to invoke its original jurisdiction, citing *Oili v. Chang*.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sabrina S. McKenna, Acting Chief Justice; Todd W. Eddins, Justice; Lisa M. Ginoza, Justice; Vladimir P. Devens, Justice; Clarissa Y. Malinao, Circuit Judge assigned by reason of vacancy
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	April 9, 2026
DOCKET	SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a petition for writ of habeas corpus.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Kelly E. Duell

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the petitioner presented a special reason warranting the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i’s exercise of original jurisdiction in a habeas corpus proceeding.

HOLDINGS

1. The petitioner did not present a special reason for the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i to invoke its original jurisdiction in the habeas corpus proceeding; the petition was therefore denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner has not presented a special reason for this court to invoke its original jurisdiction in this habeas corpus proceeding.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion provides no substantive underlying facts concerning the petitioner or the challenged custody. The court considered the petition for writ of habeas corpus, the record, and whether a special reason existed to invoke its original jurisdiction.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Kelly E. Duell filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus on November 24, 2025. The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i determined that the petitioner had not presented a special reason for the court to invoke its original jurisdiction and denied the petition.

DISPOSITION

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CASES CITED

- Oili v. Chang, 57 Haw. 411, 412, 557 P.2d 787, 788 (1976)