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NO. 25471

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAI'I, Appellant-Appellee

VS.

LAURA LEWIS; DONOVAN LEWIS; SUSAN M. CHANDLER, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAI'I, Appellee-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT (CIV. NO. 02-1-0160)

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, and Acoba, JJ. and Circuit Judge Sakamoto, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon review of the record, it appears that this court informed Appellants by letter dated March 7, 2003 that the time for filing the opening brief expired on February 22, 2003 and that, pursuant to Rule 30 of the Hawai'i Rules of Appellate Procedure, the matter would be called to the attention of the court for such action as the court deemed proper including dismissal of the appeal. Appellants having failed to respond to said letter or to otherwise oppose dismissal,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal is dismissed. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 21, 2003.