

Trump appeals new ruling blocking travel ban

Administration argues order is for national security; judge says it looks like 'Muslim ban'

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HONOLULU — President Donald Trump's administration on Thursday appealed the latest court ruling against his revised travel ban to the same court that refused to reinstate the original version.

A day earlier, U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii handed the government its latest defeat by issuing a longer-lasting hold on Trump's executive order.

Watson's decision came after the Department of Justice argued for a narrower ruling covering only the ban on new visas for people from six Muslim-majority countries. The department urged the judge to allow a freeze on the U.S. refugee program to go forward.

Government attorney Chad Readler said halting the flow of refugees had no effect on Hawaii and the state has not shown how it is harmed by the ban. Watson disagreed.

The administration says the executive order falls within the president's power to protect



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This Dec. 2015 file photo shows U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu.

national security and will ultimately succeed, while Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin likened the revised ban to a neon sign flashing "Muslim ban" that the government hasn't turned off.

Here's a look at Watson's ruling and what comes next:

The ruling: Watson said Hawaii has shown that the ban will harm the state's universities and tourism industry as well as the imam of a Honolulu mosque, who joined the lawsuit. Ismail Elshikh said the ban would prevent his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting family in the U.S.

"These injuries have already

occurred and will continue to occur if the executive order is implemented and enforced; the injuries are neither contingent nor speculative," the judge wrote.

Chin told The Associated Press on Thursday that a notable part of the ruling was that the court took into account 20 to 25 statements made by Trump as a candidate and as president and by his surrogates.

"The court will not crawl into a corner, pull the shutters closed, and pretend it has not seen what it has," Watson wrote.

The Department of Justice said it strongly disagrees with the ruling.

What's next?: Government attorneys filed documents appealing Watson's decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a move Chin said he expected.

The judge said his ruling will stay in place until he orders otherwise and won't be suspended for an appeal.

The administration said in court documents that the appeal also applies to Watson's previous temporary block of the travel ban.

"The president's executive order falls squarely within his lawful authority in seeking to protect our nation's security, and the department will continue to defend this executive order in the courts," the Justice Department said in a statement.

How the White House reacted: The White House believes Trump's executive order is legal, necessary for national security and will ultimately be allowed to move forward, spokesman Sean Spicer said Thursday.

Watson's indefinite hold is "just the latest step that will allow the administration to appeal," Spicer said.

Can a different case affect the Hawaii ruling?: The president already is appealing a separate case in Maryland. A judge there blocked the six-nation travel ban but said it wasn't clear that the suspension of the refugee program was similarly motivated by religious bias.

The administration wants the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to put that ruling on hold while it considers the case. The Richmond, Virginia-based court will hear arguments May 8.

If the court sides with Trump, it would not have a direct effect on the Hawaii ruling, legal experts said.

"What a ruling in 4th Circuit in favor of the administration would do is create a split in authority between federal courts in different parts of the country," said Richard Primus, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Michigan law school. "Cases with splits in authority are cases the U.S. Supreme Court exists to resolve."

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Walla Walla Aglow meets at new venue

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The gathering, which is being held at a new venue, is Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at Carrie Community Center, 711 Carrie St., Walla Walla. A freewill offering will be taken for the event, which includes lunch.

Part of an international organization, Aglow seeks to minister to its members and share God's word in the community. For more information, call Kathy Owsley at 509-540-2684, Lora Sykes at 509-540-0212 or visit www.ecwaglow.

North Carolina is flushing its bathroom bill. What's next?

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RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's General Assembly passed a measure on Thursday to repeal the "bathroom bill" that has provoked an economic backlash since its hasty enactment a year ago. Republican leaders and Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper reached the deal despite strenuous objections from both social conservative and gay rights advocates. Here's a look at the details:

House Bill 2
The compromise repeals House Bill 2, arguably making good on Cooper's campaign promise to get rid of the law signed by his predecessor, Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, after GOP leaders rushed it through the General Assembly last spring.

HB2 was quickly derided as a "bathroom bill," but reached far beyond public restrooms in North Carolina.

Because the state had no anti-discrimination law before then, HB2 created a new statewide policy prohibiting discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin or biological sex — while leaving lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people unprotected — in "public accommodations," which include restaurants, hotels and



AP Photo/Brian Blanco
Rep. Michael Speciale, R-Craven, debates on the floor of the North Carolina State House prior to a vote on HB 142 on Thursday, March 30 in Raleigh, N.C.

public bathrooms.

HB2 also prohibited any local government from providing additional anti-discrimination protections. This prevented an LGBT ordinance passed by the city of Charlotte from taking effect. The prohibition also banned cities from requiring private employers bidding for local contracts to provide any additional benefits, such as a higher minimum wage, to their workers.

The Compromise
If Cooper signs the repeal bill,

it would, for now, return North Carolina to more or less how it was before Charlotte passed its ordinance and the legislature responded with HB2.

The revised law repeals the state's directive for transgender people to only use public bathrooms and showers that match their birth gender. This requirement was never backed by criminal penalties or other teeth, but Thursday's change means transgressors would continue to be punished with the laws against

trespassing, peeping and indecent exposure that were in effect before and after HB2.

And some wording in the compromise bill appears even more sweeping than HB2 in prohibiting what local governments can require from the private sector.

The new law also makes more explicit than before that state legislators will make the rules on using bathrooms — not agencies, municipalities or universities. Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, declined to say whether lawmakers plan to quickly use this authority.

It also would impose a moratorium against local governments adopting or changing any ordinances regulating private employment or public accommodations. That means municipalities couldn't pass establish terms for car-hailing services like Uber, said Cathryn Oakley, a lawyer for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington.

The delay — until December 2020 — could give time for multiple federal lawsuits over transgender issues to play out.

As for transgender people who need to use a bathroom, they are basically back where things started in North Carolina. Anybody who was born one gender and now identifies as the other can try to use whatever bathroom they want — at their own risk.

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