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Court says manager deserves \$750,000

The state Supreme Court says a former employee of the Grand Wailea Resort on Maui is due more than \$750,000. Thomas Mailhiot was the hotel's human resources director when he left in January 1994. His attorney, Jerry Hiatt, said Mailhiot passed up other opportunities with the Hyatt chain because of promises made by hotel owner Takeshi Sekiguchi.

An arbitrator initially awarded Mailhiot about \$612,000 because of broken promises. The high court affirmed the decision and added interest. The action made it clear that an employer's oral promises may be enforced.