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**GOVERNOR DAVIS APPOINTS DIRECTOR FOR
DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING**

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gray Davis today announced the appointment of Dennis W. Hayashi as director for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. As director, Hayashi will enforce California's civil rights laws in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and family medical leave rights.

Hayashi, 46, a native of San Francisco, has more than 20 years of experience in enforcing civil rights laws. Since 1993 he has served the U.S. Department of Health of Human Services as director for the Office of Human Rights and later as counselor to the deputy secretary. Hayashi also served as national director for the Japanese American Citizens League from 1991 to 1993. Previously, Hayashi was an attorney for the Asian Law Caucus from 1979 to 1991 where he specialized in employment and racial discrimination cases.

Hayashi graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts from Occidental College and earned a juris doctor from Hastings College of the Law.

Hayashi will receive a salary of \$105,883, reflecting a 5% reduction as requested by the governor. This position requires Senate confirmation.

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