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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK  
FORCE BE CONVENED TO ASSESS CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA  
COLLECTION, PROCESSING, RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES  
UTILIZED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES.

1           WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other  
2 Pacific Islanders represent 46.5 percent of the State's  
3 population; and  
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5           WHEREAS, while Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other  
6 Pacific Islanders are often misrepresented as a homogenous  
7 group, they are an extremely diverse group, comprising  
8 ethnicities from over thirty different countries, who experience  
9 diverse social, educational, health, and economic differences  
10 that are unique to their respective communities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the United States Office of Management and  
13 Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, entitled "Race and  
14 Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative  
15 Reporting," separated the "Asian and Pacific Islander" category  
16 into two distinct and separate categories, now called "Asians"  
17 and "Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders", which were  
18 used in the 2020 United States Census; and  
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20           WHEREAS, despite the federal government's current policy  
21 and practice of disaggregating data related to Asian Americans,  
22 Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders, not all of the  
23 State's agencies keep demographic data in a standard or uniform  
24 manner that comports with prevailing federal standards; and  
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26           WHEREAS, most state agencies do not make collected  
27 demographic data accessible to the public so that regional and  
28 local governments, elected officials, decision makers, and other  
29 stakeholders can use the information to strategically target  
30 programs for those most in need; and  
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32           WHEREAS, given the diversity of languages and cultures,  
33 separating data for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and other  
34 Pacific Islander ethnic groups is imperative and making data



1 publicly accessible is critical for enhancing understanding of  
2 the needs and experiences of different communities across the  
3 State; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State has unique trust responsibilities with  
6 respect to Native Hawaiians, which are administered by a variety  
7 of state agencies; and

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9 WHEREAS, uniform collection and sharing of data specific to  
10 Native Hawaiians is critical to the proper administration of the  
11 State's trust responsibilities and improving the conditions of  
12 Native Hawaiians through other similar initiatives; now,  
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
17 that this body is requested to convene a task force to develop a  
18 twenty-first century data governance task force to assess  
19 current demographic data collection, processing, retention, and  
20 sharing procedures utilized by all state agencies; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
23 include the following members or their designees:

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25 (1) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable  
26 Development;
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28 (2) The Chief Information Officer of the Office of  
29 Enterprise Technology Services;
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31 (3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian  
32 Affairs;
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34 (4) The Director of the Department of Health's Office of  
35 Health Equity; and
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37 (5) Other relevant members to be identified and invited by  
38 the task force; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
41 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
42 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
2 2025; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
5 dissolve on June 30, 2025; and

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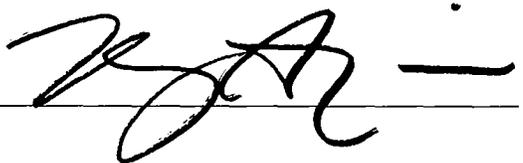
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of  
9 Planning and Sustainable Development, Chief Information Officer  
10 of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, Chief Executive  
11 Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Director of the  
12 Department of Health's Office of Health Equity.

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OFFERED BY:

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