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Testimony of  
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Before the  
**House Committee on Economic Development and Technology**  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 423 and Videoconference

In consideration of  
**Senate Bill No. 742SD2, Relating to Data Sharing**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey and members of the Committee,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 742SD2, which establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

Behavioral health conditions are widespread, impacting people across socioeconomic levels. Addressing homelessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and public health issues requires a collaborative and coordinated cross-agency planning process with public and private sectors. A coordinated effort to share and translate data across agencies and stakeholder groups will support developing evidence-based solutions along with effective program development and implementation to address the needs of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII  
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 19, 2025

To: The Honorable Greggor Ilagan, Chair,  
The Honorable Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and  
Technology

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 423, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: S.B. 742 SD2 RELATING TO DATA SHARING**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

The DLIR **supports the intent** of this measure, stands ready to collaborate with our sister agencies in the proposed working group, and defers to ETS on matters of the administration and implementation of the working group.

SB742 SD2 proposes to create a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group in the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), which would review the adequacy of departmental data sharing, address the State's capabilities regarding data sharing, make recommendations on an ongoing data sharing governance structure, and solicit input from various stakeholders, including labor and workforce organizations.

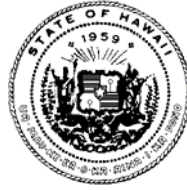
**II. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL**

The DLIR does not currently collect data on occupation, pay rate, and work location through its unemployment compensation wage record system (Pg.4, lines 18 to 20). Requiring the collection of these data elements would necessitate state funding to add those data elements and for administrative costs, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or new MOU between the DLIR and the agencies involved with the sharing of the data, and a cost allocation agreement between the DLIR and the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL). All expenses associated with developing and providing the data would require reimbursement in accordance with federal requirements.

The DLIR notes it is also developing a new platform for its Unemployment Insurance (UI) technology program to replace the legacy mainframe system, so the working group would need to consider this transition as it examines potential data elements available from UI employer and wage records and note that the actual costs of furnishing the information are dependent upon the terms of the final agreements executed between the agencies.

The U.S. DOL requires strict confidentiality of UI information and adherence to the Congressional mandate that UI information is used only for the purpose for which it is directed. Therefore, in accordance with federal law and regulations, 383-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and 12-5-211 to 12-5-220, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the disclosure of information from workers, employers, or other persons or groups in administering the UI Program is confidential unless the DLIR director deems the sharing of the information is in the public interest. In addition, this sharing of information or data would require the development of MOUs and cost-sharing agreements, as outlined above.

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March 17, 2025

TO: The Honorable Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development & Technology

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 742 SD2 – RELATING TO DATA SHARING.**

Hearing: March 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 423 & Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure and defers to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services for necessary resources. DHS will participate in the working group. While sustaining appropriations are needed to support the vast scope of identified work, DHS respectfully requests that any appropriation in this bill not reduce or replace priorities identified in the executive budget.

**PURPOSE:** This bill establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

The Committee on Labor and Technology amended the measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

The Committee on Ways and Means amended the measure by:

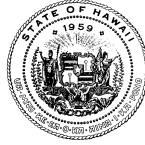
- (1) Adding language to make the working group temporary and have it dissolve on June 30, 2026; and

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(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure



STATE OF HAWAII  
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## Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 742 SD 2 RELATING TO DATA SHARING

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Room Number 423

The Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) in the Governor's Office is in **SUPPORT** of S.B. 742 SD2, Relating to Data Sharing. The OWR offers comments and will defer to Office of Enterprise and Technology Services regarding implementation of this bill.

Data-sharing is critical for the state to transform service delivery across departments in ways that can better recognize and respond to experiences of trauma. By enabling departments to share relevant information securely, we can reduce the burden on individuals who otherwise must repeatedly share their stories across multiple agencies—a process that can be retraumatizing. This improved coordination supports the core principles of trauma-informed care: safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment. Furthermore, shared data enables community leaders, the legislature and governor to make more informed and transparent decisions about policies and programs that affect our most vulnerable populations.

A well-resourced data sharing working group will support this vital work by recommending protocols, frameworks, and data architecture that balance the need for information sharing with the importance of maintaining privacy and building trust, which are key elements of trauma-informed systems. This is particularly vital, given the recent unpredicted removal and potential future removal of open Federal data sets and/or variables (e.g., Youth Risk Behavior Survey). We believe that this represents a significant step toward building a more trauma-informed state government that better serves our state.

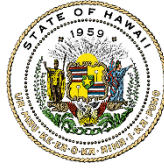
The OWR is heavily focused on continued quality improvement of data on social determinants of health. In 2024, in partnership with the Health Policy Initiative at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the OWR launched the Hawai'i Quality of Life and Well-Being Dashboard. Surveying more than 10,000 residents statewide, the Dashboard provides an in-depth look at pressing social, economic and health issues affecting Hawai'i's residents. The intent of the Dashboard is to improve quality of life across our communities and interrupt negative trajectories of those who are impacted by adverse childhood experiences.

Towards this goal, the OWR has begun partnering across State agencies (e.g., Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation,

Department of Law Enforcement, etc.) to better utilize existing data and streamline our collective efforts to enhance quality of services for our communities.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

Tia L. R. Hartsock, MSW, MSCJA  
Director, Office of Wellness and Resilience  
Office of the Governor



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**Executive Office on Early Learning**

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TO: Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development & Technology

FROM: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Director  
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2 – RELATING TO DATA SHARING

Committee: ECD  
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room 423

Executive Office on Early Learning's Position: **SUPPORT**

The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) offers the following comments in support of S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2 and defers to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services regarding the feasibility and cost of implementation.

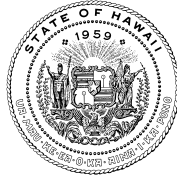
As the office responsible for coordinating Hawai'i's early learning system, which includes several programs across multiple departments, EOEL is committed to improving data integration and collaborating on a centralized governance structure for data sharing among State agencies.

We appreciate being included in the working group and look forward to co-developing a system that improves data access, analysis, and sharing, and provides better information to inform policy decisions that lead to better outcomes for Hawai'i's children and families.

We are grateful for the Legislature's ongoing investment in our youngest keiki and their families. Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony in support of this measure.



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Testimony of  
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 742, SD2  
RELATING TO DATA SHARING

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is in **strong support** of this bill to create a data sharing and governance working group within the Department of Accounting and General Services, Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

Data sharing is critical for our state to improve service-delivery across departments, support informed decisions of the legislature and the governor, and enhance operational efficiencies, improve citizen services, enable faster response to disasters, and prevent fraud and abuse.

While the Data Task Force establishes policies, procedures, and standards, we need a designated Data Sharing and Governance Working Group to define the detailed data sharing and governance framework and collaborated actions to establish and manage a sustainable data sharing mechanism within the State of Hawai'i.

Governor Josh Green's priorities such as housing, affordability, healthcare, homelessness, all require statewide shared data to enable evidence-based decision making.

In SB742 SD2, Section 2 (h), language was added to sunset the working group on June 30, 2026. It would require at least two years for the working group to successfully complete the tasks and carry out the duties as provided in this measure, i.e., reviewing the adequacy of the current State's capabilities regarding data sharing and recommending a data sharing governance structure. As such, we request that the language be amended to June 30, 2027 to sunset the working group.

Additionally, adequate staff and resources are needed to support this working group in carrying out its duties. We ask that two additional positions and funds be added to SB742:

\$140,000 in FY26 and the same sum in FY27 for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions described below to support the working group and define the scope of work and plan for action.

1. \$70,000 for a data coordinator (1.0 FTE) to identify data sharing needs at the state and federal levels, assess risks, and prepare recommendations for a consistent and stable data sharing framework.
2. \$70,000 for one (1.0 FTE) assistant to support daily activities as described in SB742.

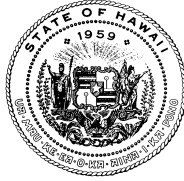
Additional funding of \$50,000 is also requested to cover travel costs for members.

Concurrently, budget items have been included in HB300 HD1 (\$1,613,000 for FY26, and \$2,160,000 for FY27) for dedicated resources to support ongoing efforts by a centralized authority in ETS on data sharing governance as envisioned by the CIO; adequate resources would include:

- a. A data governance tool with one data governance full time equivalent data governance specialist (1.0 FTE) to protect privacy, improve data quality, identify existing data sets including data sets from the federal government.
- b. A master data management tool with one full time equivalent master data specialist (1.0 FTE) to map and integrate data across departments and create a record at the state level to ensure smooth data sharing and accurate mapping and integration of the shared data.
- c. A shared data management platform with artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) capabilities to curate and store shared data from the federal, state, and county governments including open data. One full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) data architect and a full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) data scientist to design and manage this platform to support decision making. The platform will also have the capability to conduct analysis, simulation, prediction, and visualization of data to support daily operations and decisions from departments, organizations, and policy makers to best serve our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB742 SD2  
RELATING TO DATA SHARING**

REPRESENTATIVE GREGGOR ILAGAN, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Hearing Date: March 19, 2025, 10:00 AM, Room Number: 423

**Department Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure and offers comments.

**Department Testimony:** The Health Data and Informatics Office and Health Information System Office (HDIO HISO) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department. The DOH defers to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and supports this measure. The DOH will actively participate in the data governance working group to collaborate on shared technical solutions. The establishment of a cross-agency data governance working group is expected to reduce barriers to data use inside the State. The DOH anticipates increasingly leveraging data-driven-decision-making in order to be more effective and efficient in delivering health services and protecting the public's health. As the only other agency with a Chief Data Officer, the DOH sees the value of data and is currently building on data assets to improve interconnected program operations. The DOH recognizes that cross-agency data has the potential to permit coordination of services across programs, for a holistic view of residents' needs. Shared technical infrastructure has the ability to reduce the costs of these solutions and improve agency to agency collaboration on common data for our residents. SB742 SD2 aligns with ongoing DOH planning to appropriately and securely connect data silos and resident services data across the DOH and State as a whole.

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.

**The Workforce Development Council supports SB 742 SD2, Relating to Data Sharing.**

Dear Chair Ilagan and Members of the Committee:

We are Keith DeMello and Tuia‘ana Scanlan, members of the State of Hawai‘i Workforce Development Council (WDC) delegated with the authority to represent the WDC’s legislative policy positions. Pursuant to [HRS Chapter 202](#), the WDC is an advisory commission comprised of both public and private-sector representatives selected by the Governor to serve on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of workforce development programs in Hawai‘i and how to support economic development throughout the state.

**The WDC supports SB 742 SD2**, which establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and requires the Working Group to submit annual reports to the Legislature.

The WDC is supportive of amendments to the previous draft that include establishing a sunset date of June 30, 2026, for the working group, provided that the working group’s report of its findings and recommendations include clear metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of any recommended data governance — to ensure that its efforts translate into meaningful improvements for Hawai‘i’s workforce development.

Integrated data systems are critical to addressing Hawai‘i’s workforce challenges, as emphasized at the WDC’s Workforce Synergy Summit in December 2024. This bill would help to achieve the following outcomes under the [Hawai‘i State Workforce Unified Plan’s](#) Four Pillars:

**Pillar #1: Alignment with Economic Growth**

The proposed data system would provide crucial insights into labor market trends, helping us better understand and address issues of labor shortages, living wages, and economic diversification. This aligns with our goal of connecting economic development with workforce development to create sustainable career pathways.

**Pillar #2: Education and Training Alliances**

The proposed governance structure would strengthen these connections, allowing us to better evaluate the effectiveness of training programs and ensure they align with actual workforce needs. This supports our goal of building stronger bridges with Hawai‘i’s educators and training providers.

Pillar #3: Inclusivity and Equity

A comprehensive longitudinal data system would help identify gaps in service delivery and measure the effectiveness of efforts toward meaningful integration and collaboration among all stakeholders in the workforce development space.

Pillar #4: Workforce Synergy

A unified data governance structure would facilitate the collaboration we seek to foster among workforce development stakeholders.

We also view this bill as a crucial step toward creating a more responsive and effective workforce development system. By establishing a robust governance structure for data sharing, Hawai'i can better:

- Track the effectiveness of education and workforce programs;
- Identify emerging trends and opportunities in our labor market;
- Make data-informed decisions about resource allocation; and
- Ensure accountability in workforce development initiatives.

We respectfully urge legislators to pass this bill, as it will provide the data infrastructure needed to better serve Hawai'i's workforce needs and support economic growth across our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith DeMello  
Member, WDC

Tuia'ana Scanlan  
Member, WDC



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

By

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#### SB 742 SD2 – RELATING TO DATA SHARING

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) is providing comments regarding Senate Bill 742 SD2, which seeks to establish a data-sharing and governance working group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, coordinated by the Chief Data Officer. The UH recognizes the importance of enhancing data sharing across agencies to better understand the challenges and opportunities that our state faces.

The UH is invested in improving the outcomes of its graduates as they navigate Hawai'i's challenging economic landscape. Robust data-sharing agreements among the Department of Education, the University of Hawai'i, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, as mandated under HRS 27-7, already provide valuable insights into educational progress and workforce outcomes for UH graduates. These efforts, which also include our participation in the statewide 21st-Century Data Governance Data Task Force, exemplify our commitment to leveraging data for informed decision-making.

Access to data currently siloed in other state agencies could transform the UH in its development of targeted programs that better align academic offerings with career pathways, leading to sustainable employment and affordable living in Hawai'i. For this reason, we support closing employment information gaps as proposed in Senate Bill 1491 HD1 Relating to Departmental Data Sharing, which will add the Department of Taxation and the Department of Economic, Development, and Tourism to the list of state agencies sharing data through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System. It would allow the Department of Taxation to link wage information by social security numbers to UH education records.

Furthermore, student basic needs—such as affordable housing, food security, and access to healthcare—are critical components of student success. The UH is actively working to address these issues through our basic needs initiatives and most recently through participation in the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) Basic Needs Academy. To effectively advocate for policy changes and secure necessary resources, it is crucial to have robust data on the extent of these needs and how they affect students' academic performance and overall well-being. Expanding data

sharing with other state agencies could allow us to better understand the challenges facing our students, particularly those who are struggling to meet basic needs and tailor our support services accordingly with one possible outcome being that students eligible for multiple benefits could experience more streamlined processing as opposed to separate applications and documents for individual agencies.

The University of Hawai'i stands ready to collaborate with our partners in state government to provide the data-informed insights needed to make decisions that will benefit both students and the broader community. This initiative aligns with the UH's own goals to enhance student outcomes, improve post-graduate employment opportunities, and address the affordability crisis that so many young adults and families are facing in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 17, 2025

To: Honorable Representative Greggor Ilagan,  
Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Technology

And

Honorable Representative Ikaika Hussey,  
Vice Chair, Committee on Economic Development & Technology

And

Honorable Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Regarding: **Support for SB742 SD2 Relating to Data Sharing**

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

**Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB742 SD2**, which establishes a working group to create a durable, cross-agency governance structure to oversee a statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS).

Founded in 2017, HawaiiKidsCAN is a local nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that Hawai'i has an excellent and equitable education system that reflects the true voices of our communities and, in turn, builds the conditions for all students in Hawai'i to thrive. We strongly believe that all students should have access to excellent educational opportunities, regardless of family income levels and circumstances.

In the face of an affordability crisis, Hawai'i must better support young people to enter local jobs that enable them to survive and thrive in the state for years to come. Forty-two percent of residents are unable to afford basic necessities, and a substantial number of college graduates find themselves underemployed five years post-graduation.<sup>1</sup> The Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative recently released a report estimating that over the next decade, nearly 30% of new workforce entrants will be left "without viable opportunities to build a sustainable future."<sup>2</sup>

In response to such challenges, the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) has invested heavily in career pathways programs, and community partnerships for work-based learning opportunities have proliferated in recent years. At the same time, Hawai'i lacks a unified data system that can track and analyze all students' progress across K-12 and into the

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<sup>1</sup> Burning Glass Institute and Strada Institute for the Future of Work, Talent Disrupted: Underemployment, College Graduates, and the Way Forward, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative, From Crisis to Opportunity: Building Hawai'i's Workforce Resilience, January 2025.



workforce. The result is that leaders and policymakers must cobble together disaggregated information to assess the impact of such programs on students after they graduate.

SB742 SD2 is an important step toward overcoming this challenge. Several foundational pieces in Hawai'i's data landscape will enable SB742 SD2 to be effective, including a codified SLDS and a strong track record of prioritizing disaggregated student data, which help us understand and address inequities in student outcomes. However, the more expansive data sharing system proposed in SB742 SD2 could have far broader-reaching output and meet the potential demonstrated by innovative systems in other states like Kentucky, California or Rhode Island.

These states have harnessed the power of centralized data sharing to drive improvements in public trust, cost savings, and policy insights. For instance, California's Cradle-to-Career Data System<sup>3</sup> offers a platform that enables real-time data analysis, empowering policymakers to make responsive decisions that reflect the needs of their communities. SB742 SD2 also seeks to emulate Kentucky and Washington's governance models, emphasizing cross-sector collaboration and broad inclusion. Hawai'i has a unique opportunity with SB742 SD2 to take its current cross-agency data governance policy, strengthen it to include national best practices, and codify it in statute so that it is sustainable across administrations.

Beyond its impact in workforce development, this bill also provides the foundation for a more coordinated approach to data collection and sharing across multiple sectors, including education, health, housing, transportation, and social services. For example, a cross-agency data system can foster stronger outcomes for youth by ensuring that key decision-makers have a complete, real-time picture of how different public investments and programs are impacting youth across multiple dimensions. This will allow us to identify disparities, develop targeted interventions and more effective policies, and help young people not only enter the workforce but also build futures in Hawai'i.

The opportunities to hone in on the causes and effects of entrenched challenges and improve outcomes are boundless when agencies work together and share data across sectors. By passing SB742 SD2, Hawai'i can take a proactive step to ensure that our education, workforce, and social services systems better serve the needs of all young people.

Mahalo for your consideration of this measure,

Erica Nakanishi-Stanis  
Advocacy Director  
HawaiiKidsCAN

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<sup>3</sup> AB 132: California Cradle-to-Career Data System Act ([Code 10853](#))



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 742 SD2**  
**RELATING TO DATA SHARING**

House Committees on Economic Development & Technology  
Hawai'i State Capitol

March 19, 2025

10:00 am

Room 423

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Aloha Chairs Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey and members of the Committee:

**The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) supports SB742 SD2, which establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.** The ability to access and analyze disaggregated data regarding Native Hawaiians is critical to the work of OHA, as it enables informed decision-making and policy development that directly impacts the well-being of our la hui. Accurate and specific data is essential in identifying disparities, assessing needs, and ensuring that programs and resources are effectively allocated to support Native Hawaiians.

For decades, the lack of detailed, disaggregated data has hindered efforts to fully understand and address the unique challenges facing Native Hawaiians across sectors such as health, education, economic stability, and housing. The establishment of a centralized, coordinated approach to data governance will improve cross-agency collaboration and provide greater transparency, allowing for more effective policy solutions. The bill recognizes that fragmented and siloed data systems have long prevented a holistic understanding of the state's economic and social landscape, and OHA believes that addressing these gaps is essential for the equitable advancement of all communities in Hawai'i.

Given OHA's experience and expertise in handling Native Hawaiian data, we believe our inclusion in the Data Sharing and Governance Working Group is necessary. OHA actively participates in other data-related working groups and committees and has long advocated for comprehensive and culturally relevant data collection and analysis. Our involvement in this working group would ensure that Native Hawaiian perspectives and data considerations are fully integrated into the development of data-sharing protocols, governance structures, and research frameworks. Without direct representation,

the needs and priorities of Native Hawaiians may not be adequately reflected in the working group's efforts.

As an entity dedicated to the betterment of Native Hawaiians, OHA understands that effective governance of data is critical to making informed policy decisions that impact not only Native Hawaiians but all residents of Hawai'i. Strengthening data-sharing mechanisms will enhance the state's ability to track progress, measure outcomes, and address disparities in a way that is inclusive and responsive to community needs. OHA urges the committee to **pass** this bill and to ensure that OHA is included in the working group so that Native Hawaiian data remains a key consideration in shaping policies and programs for the future of Hawai'i.



Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matt Stevens, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 742, which seeks to establish a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group to improve data-driven decision-making in Hawai'i.

As a social impact professional with over 20 years of experience in data analysis, data science, and collaborative data sharing in the public sector, I have worked extensively at the intersection of policy, technology, and workforce development. Prior to my current role as Executive Director of the Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative, I worked with Colorado state government agencies on cross-sector data-sharing initiatives that strengthened workforce alignment and economic development strategies. Through that work, I saw firsthand how a coordinated approach to workforce data can help policymakers, businesses, and educators make better decisions to support economic growth.

Hawai'i is making critical investments in workforce development, education, and economic growth. However, without a modern, integrated data infrastructure, we cannot fully measure impact, refine programs, or ensure that investments are producing the strongest and most equitable outcomes for residents. *A governance working group is essential to the creation of such an infrastructure because data-sharing efforts require not just technology, but also clear agreements, policies, and sustained collaboration among agencies.* Without a formalized structure to coordinate efforts, data remains siloed, limiting the state's ability to track long-term workforce outcomes and respond effectively to economic shifts. The working group proposed in SB 742 would bring key stakeholders together to establish the necessary frameworks for secure, efficient, and responsible data-sharing across agencies.

The Workforce Development Council has been working closely with cross-sector stakeholders, including the Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative, to develop Hawai'i's State Unified Workforce Development Plan. One of the core strategies of this plan is ensuring that workforce development is directly driving economic development. In every working group convened for the plan, the need for better workforce data has emerged as a top priority.

Other states have already solved this problem. Working with Colorado, I saw how modernizing workforce data-sharing agreements transformed the state's ability to align education, training, and economic development. Data integration across agencies enabled the state to track long-term employment outcomes, ensuring that workforce investments led to well-paying, sustainable careers. Real-time labor market analysis helped educators and training providers rapidly adjust programs to meet employer demand. A secure, automated system reduced the administrative burden on public agencies by streamlining data requests and reporting processes. These efforts made workforce programs more responsive and effective, strengthening both the workforce and the state's economy.

Colorado took a major step in this direction with [HB22-1349](#), which established an initiative to improve data-sharing across workforce, education, and economic development agencies. This legislation created a structured framework for integrating workforce data, allowing decision-makers to track employment trends, training program effectiveness, and labor market needs more effectively.

One of the most important lessons from Colorado's success is that no single state agency has the extra capacity to ensure that agencies are sharing data appropriately. The success of sustained data-sharing initiatives depends on having dedicated full-time staff responsible for ensuring that collaboration happens and is maintained over time.

That is why establishing a Data Governance Working Group is a necessary step toward building a sustainable, well-coordinated data infrastructure that serves Hawai'i's workforce and economic development goals. By creating a formal structure with staff dedicated to coordinating data-sharing efforts across agencies, Hawai'i can overcome the barriers that have historically prevented meaningful collaboration.

Hawai'i has a critical opportunity to take a similar approach. Ensuring that policy decisions, workforce programs, and business strategies are based on real-time, accurate data will allow the state to maximize the impact of workforce and economic development investments.

By passing SB 742, the Legislature can take a significant step toward modernizing Hawai'i's data infrastructure, ensuring that workforce and economic initiatives are evidence-based, equitable, and effective.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. I urge you to support SB 742 to strengthen data-informed decision-making for Hawai'i's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Stevens", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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March 17, 2025

**Position: Support of SB742 SD2**

**To:** Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

**From:** Llasmin Chaîne, LSW, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

**Re:** Testimony in Support of SB742 SD2, Relating to Data Sharing

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 423, State Capitol

On behalf of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), I would like to thank the committee for hearing this important bill. I would like to offer comments in support of SB742 SD2. The HSCSW defers to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services regarding the feasibility, cost and implementation of this measure.

**As the state entity responsible for annually reporting on:** governmental and nongovernmental activities and information relating to the status of women, available economic and educational opportunities, gender equality and equity advocacy activities, policy and program development efforts (which includes several programs across multiple departments), the HSCSW is committed to improving data integration and collaborating on a centralized governance structure for data sharing among State agencies and community stakeholders.

We would appreciate being **included in the working group and an opportunity to collaborate on co-developing a system that improves data access, analysis, and sharing, and provides better information to inform policy decisions that address the affordability crisis and lead to better outcomes for Hawai'i's girls and women.** Given the legislature's desire for "a continuing body to aid in the implementation of its recommendations, to develop long-range goals, and to coordinate research planning, programming, and action on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Hawai'i", as stated in HRS 367, sections 1-5, inclusion of the HSCSW would strengthen the data informed recommendations it provides to the legislature, the governor, and the public.

**I offer the following amendments to this bill for your consideration, with either a designee from the HSCSW added 1) to the data sharing and governance working group or 2) a designee from the HSCSW added among advisory group stakeholders.:**

- 1. The HSCSW respectfully recommends that the committee consider the addition of a designee from the HSCSW added to the data sharing and governance working group on pages 6-8:**

(c) The data sharing and governance working group shall comprise the following members or their designees:

- (1) The chief data officer, who shall serve as chairperson;
- (2) One representative of the judiciary, to be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;
- (3) The superintendent of education;
- (4) The director of human services;
- (5) The director of health;
- (6) The director of business, economic development, and tourism;
- (7) The director of labor and industrial relations;
- (8) The director of transportation;
- (9) The director of the executive office on early learning;
- (10) The chairperson of the workforce development council;
- (11) The executive director of the Hawaii p-20 partnerships for education;
- (12) The director of the office of planning and sustainable development;
- (13) The president of the university of Hawaii;
- (14) The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women;**
- ~~(14)~~ **(15)** Two members representing nonprofit organizations having experience in data sharing and governance, of which one member shall be chosen and invited by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member shall be chosen and invited by the president of the senate; and
- ~~(15)~~ **(16)** Two members representing for-profit business organizations having experience in data sharing and governance, of which one member shall be chosen and invited by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member shall be chosen and invited by the president of the senate.

2. **The HSCSW respectfully recommends that the committee consider the addition of a designee from the HSCSW added among advisory group stakeholders on page 8, lines 5-14:**

(d) The data sharing and governance working group shall select members for and convene one or more advisory groups to solicit input from a diverse range of stakeholders, including:

- (1) Students and parents;
- (2) Labor and workforce organizations;
- (3) Business and industry representatives;
- (4) Equity and social justice organizations;
- (5) State offices and commissions (a designee from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women)**
- ~~(5)~~ **(6)** Researchers and privacy experts; and
- ~~(6)~~ **(7)** Early education experts, school districts, and charter schools.

We are grateful for the Legislature's ongoing investment in our keiki, working mothers and their families. I respectfully urge this Committee to pass SB742 SD2. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony and comments.





March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Hearing Time: March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Location: State Capitol

Re: SB742 SD2 Relating to Data Sharing

Aloha e Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee:

We are writing **in strong support of** SB742 SD2 Relating to Data Sharing.

This bill will establish a data sharing and governance working group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, to be coordinated by the State Chief Data Officer. The current disruptions to data quality, access, and governance at the federal level, such as the removal of vital data sets, is of great concern. Moreso, the uncertainty of federal funding for many household services and the ability for local government to plan and coordinate resources in a data guided manner underscores the importance of strengthening our local data governance and infrastructure.

Codifying the role and purpose of a data sharing and governance working group in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes will be a significant step in improving data sharing conditions within the State. Previous ad hoc efforts to coordinate data sharing between state agencies and the public were less successful because they lacked a more formal structure for identifying and acting on data sharing challenges and opportunities. The work of the data sharing and governance working group to recommend an ongoing data sharing governance structure will be essential for supporting the Chief Data Officer's purpose to facilitate data sharing across state agencies, HRS 27-44.

With regards to the focus area of the data sharing and governance working group to identify existing barriers to seamless and frequent cross-departmental data sharing, we respectfully recommend that those findings be incorporated into the overall State Data Strategy.

With regards to the focus area of finding alignment between data sharing efforts across state and county, the City and County of Honolulu also has a Chief Data Officer. We encourage strengthening the collaboration between the State and County Chief Data Officers.



Hawai'i Data Collaborative (HDC) firmly believes that data informs our understanding of what is happening, why it is happening, and what we can do about it. Data helps identify opportunities, guide decisions, and create systems of accountability so we, as a community, can achieve better outcomes for all. HDC partners with government, philanthropy, and community-based organizations to improve data capacities and data sharing for better supporting households in need. Passing this measure will be a significant step forward for increased data sharing and generation of timely data insights that move Hawai'i forward.

**We support this measure.**

**Please support SB742 SD2. Thank you for your time and consideration.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director  
Hawai'i Data Collaborative