

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS DATA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1: The legislature finds that coronavirus cases 2 continue to rise steadily in the State of Hawaii and nationwide, 3 raising concerns for public health and the state of the economy. 4 The legislature further finds that the department of health's 5 covid-19 webpage and additional reports show insufficient 6 datapoints on specific locations where individuals have 7 contracted the virus. Currently, cluster cases are only reported 8 according to the category of exposure setting, including, but
- 9 not limited to educational settings, congregate shelters, food
- 10 service establishments, retail establishments, lodging and
- 11 tourism, and places of worship. In addition, statewide covid-19
- 12 maps report positive cases according to zip code tabulation,
- 13 which covers too large a geographical area.
- 14 The legislature finds that by disclosing data that pinpoints
- 15 where cluster cases have been confirmed, the public would be
- 16 better informed about which areas or establishments to avoid
- 17 visiting for the protection of themselves and their close

- 1 contacts. This would especially benefit at-risk populations,
- 2 including those with preexisting conditions, the elderly, and
- 3 frontline workers with high risk of exposure to the virus.
- 4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
- 5 department of health to disclose the exact location where covid-
- 6 19 cluster cases have originated in each county, including the
- 7 name and address of each establishment, and the number of
- 8 individuals involved in each case. Data must be updated every
- 9 seven calendar days and made available for public view.

10 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

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Report Title:

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Description:

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