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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF 21ST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE FOR  
FACT-BASED POLICYMAKING.

1 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization identifies health as  
2 a fundamental human right; and

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4 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are the native people of Hawaii  
5 and maintained a once thriving population, estimated to be over  
6 one million inhabitants, whose land and resource management  
7 practices allowed them to live harmoniously with their  
8 environment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the arrival of westerners caused a shift in this  
11 balance, resulting in the erosion and eventual loss of Native  
12 Hawaiian governance over Hawaii's land and resources; and

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14 WHEREAS, a series of epidemics from foreign diseases  
15 contributed significantly to the historic decline of the Native  
16 Hawaiian population and the generational trauma that Native  
17 Hawaiians are still healing from today; and

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19 WHEREAS, the decimation of the Native Hawaiian population,  
20 the dispossession and disconnection of Native Hawaiians from  
21 their lands, and the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom resulted  
22 in further historical injustices and systemic inequities that  
23 continue to impact the Native Hawaiian community; and

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25 WHEREAS, in recognition of the historical injustices and  
26 ongoing inequities faced by Native Hawaiians, the Hawaii State  
27 Constitution and Hawaii Revised Statutes established the Office  
28 of Hawaiian Affairs as an agency dedicated to bettering the  
29 conditions of Native Hawaiians; and



# H.C.R. NO. 179

1 WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act  
2 further acknowledges the poor health status of the Native  
3 Hawaiian population, and established Papa Ola Lōkahi and the  
4 Native Hawaiian Health Care System; and

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6 WHEREAS, section 226-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
7 acknowledges the social determinants of health that influence  
8 Native Hawaiian health and expresses the State's commitment to  
9 reducing these health disparities for Native Hawaiians and other  
10 groups through a social determinants of health approach; and

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12 WHEREAS, to best accomplish the Hawaii State Planning Act's  
13 objective of the "elimination of health disparities by  
14 identifying and addressing social determinants of health,"  
15 timely, clear, and detailed information on social determinants  
16 such as housing, employment, health outcomes, and other factors  
17 is critical; and

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19 WHEREAS, the federal Office of Management and Budget  
20 Statistical Policy Directive 15 (OMB-15) established the Racial  
21 and Ethnic Standards for Data Collection to disaggregate  
22 Polynesians, Micronesians, and Melanesians from Asians, creating  
23 "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander" as a separate  
24 category; and

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26 WHEREAS, the separation of "Native Hawaiian or Other  
27 Pacific Islander" from the "Asian" category was and remains  
28 critical to informing policymaking and interventions that  
29 directly and effectively target health and associated  
30 disparities and inequities facing the Native Hawaiian and  
31 Pacific Islander communities; and

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33 WHEREAS, the OMB-15 federal directive allows states to  
34 create additional subcategories that further disaggregates the  
35 seven federal categories for their own state purposes and allows  
36 states to use existing data collection systems for race and  
37 ethnicity; provided such data can be aggregated by the seven  
38 federal categories; and

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40 WHEREAS, Hawaii is among one of few states to further  
41 disaggregate Native Hawaiians from Pacific Islanders in certain  
42 agencies; data collection and processing practices, which has



1 contributed significantly to efforts to understand and  
2 effectively respond to certain impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;  
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5 WHEREAS, available information indicates that the COVID-19  
6 pandemic has disproportionately impacted Native Hawaiians and  
7 Pacific Islanders in substantial, varied, and respectively  
8 unique ways, and exacerbated their pre-pandemic health and  
9 associated socioeconomic disparities; and

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11 WHEREAS, there continue to be substantial data gaps  
12 regarding unemployment rates, infection trends, housing and  
13 social services needs, law enforcement interactions, and other  
14 pandemic-related outcomes specific to Native Hawaiians, Pacific  
15 Islanders, and other vulnerable communities who may desperately  
16 need targeted and data-informed relief to address their health  
17 and health-associated needs; and

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19 WHEREAS, the unavailability of timely, clear, and detailed  
20 data, and the lack of consistent data collection, processing,  
21 retention, sharing, and governance practices in critical  
22 government agencies, have stymied efforts by the Office of  
23 Hawaiian Affairs; Papa Ola Lōkahi; and groups such as the Native  
24 Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawaii COVID-19 Response, Recovery,  
25 and Resilience Team to identify, develop, and advocate for  
26 effective and targeted policies and interventions to address the  
27 impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and social  
28 determinants of health of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific  
29 Islander communities in Hawaii; and

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31 WHEREAS the lack of timely, clear, and detailed data on  
32 Native Hawaiians experiencing challenges in areas such as  
33 employment, education, domestic violence, and incarceration have  
34 long hindered the efforts of state agencies, including the  
35 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to address systemic inequities and  
36 the ongoing legacies of historical injustices and generational  
37 trauma; and

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39 WHEREAS, the recovery and resilience of our Native  
40 Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and overall communities are  
41 dependent upon timely, clear, and detailed data that  
42 consistently disaggregates Native Hawaiians from Pacific



# H.C.R. NO. 175

1 Islanders in order to better advance the State's public health  
2 and social determinants of health goals much more effectively  
3 and efficiently in the twenty-first century; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that this body recognizes the  
8 importance of updating our state data governance models in order  
9 to facilitate effective and efficient fact-based policymaking in  
10 the twenty-first century; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the  
13 importance of detailed and disaggregated data, including data  
14 that disaggregates Native Hawaiians from Pacific Islanders, in  
15 pandemic response and recovery efforts for these communities and  
16 for the State as a whole; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Department  
19 of Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
20 Department of Human Services, Judiciary, and county police  
21 departments to compile and share existing and disaggregated data  
22 on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders with the Office of  
23 Hawaiian Affairs and the general public in an expeditious  
24 manner; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Department  
27 of Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
28 Department of Human Services, Judiciary, and county police  
29 departments to work with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the  
30 Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawaii COVID-19 Response,  
31 Recovery, and Resilience Team to develop procedures and  
32 agreements for improving data collection, processing, retention,  
33 governance, and sharing with respect to Native Hawaiians,  
34 Pacific Islanders, and other relevant demographics, and report  
35 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
36 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
39 establish a Task Force on twenty-first Century Data Governance,  
40 consisting of the Director of the Office of Planning, Chief  
41 Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology  
42 Services, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian



1 Affairs, or their designated representatives, and other relevant  
2 members to be identified by the Task Force, to assess the  
3 current data collection, processing, retention, and sharing  
4 procedures, needs, and challenges across state agencies and  
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
6 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief  
Justice of the Judiciary, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees  
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Director of Health, Director  
of Labor and Industrial Relations, Director of Human Services,  
Director of the Office of Planning, Chief Information Officer of  
the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, chiefs of police  
of each of the county police departments, and co-leaders of the  
Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawaii COVID-19 Response,  
Recovery, and Resilience Team.

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