## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 201-13.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§201-13.8 Data or information collection. (a) The
- 4 director, in consultation with all affected governmental
- 5 agencies, shall assess the need for statistics and other
- 6 information as to the number, characteristics, needs, and
- 7 movement of people into, out of, or within Hawaii, including
- 8 residents, migrants, and visitors, and [such] other information
- 9 as the director may deem necessary, for the purposes of sound
- 10 economic research and analysis. The director shall be
- 11 responsible for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating [such]
- 12 the information to governmental agencies on a timely basis, and
- 13 is authorized to use any appropriate method to collect the
- 14 information, including but not limited to conducting an entry
- 15 and exit census or survey of all individuals entering, leaving,
- 16 or living within the State, and obtaining data or information
- 17 acquired by other agencies, both public and private. All



- 1 governmental agencies shall cooperate with and assist the
- 2 director to implement this section.
- 3 (b) To the extent that it is identifiable to an
- 4 individual, information obtained by the department or its agents
- 5 through surveys, questionnaires, or other information gathering
- 6 efforts shall be held confidential and not disclosed or opened
- 7 to public inspection, except that [such] the information may be
- 8 shared with other government agencies as provided in section
- 9 92F-19.
- 10 (c) Public disclosure of information gathered by the
- 11 department could place businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- 12 Consequently, where disclosure would result in the impairment of
- 13 the department's ability to obtain [such] the information and
- 14 the frustration of a legitimate government function, the
- 15 department may withhold from public disclosure competitively
- 16 sensitive information including:
- 17 (1) Completed survey and questionnaire forms;
- 18 (2) Coding sheets; and
- 19 (3) Database records of [such] the information.
- 20 (d) The department may collect information and data from
- 21 employers, and may analyze the information and data, regarding

- 1 the wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of
- 2 employment in the State. Every employer subject to chapter 371
- 3 shall make, keep, and preserve records of the persons employed
- 4 by the employer and of the wages, hours, and other conditions
- 5 and practices of employment, maintained by the employer, and
- 6 preserve the records for five years. In addition, every
- 7 employer, regardless of whether the employer uses a professional
- 8 employer organization or a third-party administrator, shall keep
- 9 a record of the former physical addresses and current physical
- 10 address of the employer and the North American Industry
- 11 Classification System code applicable to the employer.
- 12 For the purpose of collection and analysis, the department
- 13 shall have access to and the right to copy from the records any
- 14 matter or thing pertinent to this subsection, and every employer
- 15 shall furnish to the department, on demand, a copy under oath of
- 16 the material portion of the records as the department requires
- 17 and, if the department so requires, upon forms prescribed or
- 18 approved by the department.
- 19 [<del>(d)</del>] (e) The director may adopt necessary rules pursuant
- 20 to chapter 91, to administer this section."

- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Employer Information; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

## Description:

Amends section 201-13.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collect and analyze employer information and data. (SD1)

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