
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a compacts of free
2 association census task force within the department of human
3 resources for administrative purposes. The task force shall
4 enact a census-taking project to count the number of compacts of
5 free association residents in the State.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members,
7 or their designees:

8 (1) The director of human services, who shall serve as
9 chair;

10 (2) The president of the University of Hawaii system;

11 (3) The superintendent of education;

12 (4) The director of health;

13 (5) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing
14 authority;

15 (6) The consul general of the Federated States of
16 Micronesia;



1 (7) The consul general of the Republic of the Marshall
2 Islands; and

3 (8) The consul general of the Republic of Palau.

4 The chairperson may invite other parties to participate on
5 the task force as necessary. Additional members may include
6 stakeholders from voluntary private social services providers,
7 community groups, and other appropriate organizations.

8 (c) The department of human services shall provide
9 administrative and clerical support as required by the task
10 force.

11 (d) The task force shall:

12 (1) Submit an interim report on its status and progress to
13 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the regular session of 2023; provided
15 that the interim report shall contain a timeline for
16 the implementation of the census-taking, including the
17 projected completion date; and

18 (2) Submit a final report of its findings and
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
20 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
21 the convening of the regular session of 2024.



1 (e) The task force shall be dissolved upon the submission
2 of its final report.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2044.

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Report Title:

Compacts of Free Association; Task Force; Census

Description:

Creates a task force to conduct a census of COFA residents in Hawaii. Effective 7/1/2044. (HD1)

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