SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF HAWAII'S OPEN DATA PORTAL BY INCREASING AND EXPANDING THE DATA SETS AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, CENTRALIZING ALL OPEN DATA SETS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS ONTO THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, AND CONTINUALLY UPDATING THE DATA SETS FOR ACCURACY AND RECENCY OF PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DATA.

1   WHEREAS, the commitment of the state government to long-
2 term strategic business and information technology
3 transformation is essential to:
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5   (1)   Successfully harnessing the power of technology to
6   increase service quality and satisfaction for the
7   State's people on any island and at any time;
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9   (2)   Elevating the State's work force to compete within a
10   twenty-first century economy that provides livable
11   wages;
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13   (3)   Securing and protecting citizens' data and privacy in
14   the modern era; and
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16   (4)   Promoting cost-efficiency, effectiveness, and
17   transparency in the use of taxpayer funds; and
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19   WHEREAS, many states and major municipalities across the
20 United States have adopted open data-driven policies that
21 require government agencies to collect and publish data and
22 promote data collection and sharing in the private sector, in
23 recognition that access to empirical data is critical for
24 decision-makers to make informed decisions in the interest of
25 citizens; and
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27   WHEREAS, other states and major municipalities have
28 established and operate successful open data portals, including
29 the City of Chicago's Data Portal that hosts over six hundred
30 datasets about its departments, services, facilities, and
31 performance, presented in easy-to-use formats; and

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2   WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the Legislature passed Act 263, Session
3 Laws of Hawaii 2013, requiring the executive branch departments
4 to make electronic data sets available to the public through the
5 State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal at data.hawaii.gov (now
6 renamed the Hawaii Open Data Website), and requiring the Chief
7 Information Officer, in consultation with the Office of
8 Information Practices, to develop policies and procedures to
9 implement the open data initiative; and
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11   WHEREAS, the Legislature also passed Act 167, Session Laws
12 of Hawaii 2022, which established a Chief Data Officer and a
13 Data Task Force within the Office of Enterprise Technology
14 Services to develop, implement, and manage statewide data
15 policies, procedures, and standards to facilitate data sharing
16 across state agencies; and
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18   WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Open Data Website, the
19 State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal provides residents, analysts,
20 and civic developers with unparalleled access to state data for
21 use in increasing transparency, driving civic innovation, and
22 engaging participants in a more collaborative form of government
23 with over one hundred fifty data sets organized by six major
24 topics, including Culture and Recreation, Economic Development,
25 Employment, Environmental Protection, Formal Education, and
26 Government-wide Support; and
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28   WHEREAS, there are certain issues with the existing State
29 of Hawaii's Open Data Portal, including certain data sets not
30 being provided in forms that are useful, data sets needing to be
31 requested from individual departments rather than being
32 constantly updated and readily available for users on the Open
33 Data Portal, and some users being required to visit the websites
34 of individual departments for certain data sets as they are not
35 made available on the Open Data Portal; and
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37   WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal can be
38 improved to include more useful and meaningful data sets by
39 increasing the available data sets and expanding the breadth and
40 depth of data types, and to provide a more efficient and
41 consistent process for users to access and retrieve all state
42 department data sets directly from the Open Data Portal by

1   centralizing and continually updating them on the Open Data
2   Portal; now, therefore,
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4   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5   Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
6   that the Office of Enterprise Technology Services is urged to
7   improve the State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal by increasing and
8   expanding the data sets available on the Open Data Portal,
9   centralizing all open data sets of all state departments onto
10   the Open Data Portal, and continually updating the data sets for
11   accuracy and recency of publicly accessible data; and
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13   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in improving the State of
14   Hawaii's Open Data Portal, the Office of Enterprise Technology
15   Services is urged to study and assess the successful open data
16   portals of other states and major municipalities, including the
17   City of Chicago's Data Portal; and
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19   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the heads of all state
20   departments are urged to work with the Office of Enterprise
21   Technology Services to centralize their open data sets to the
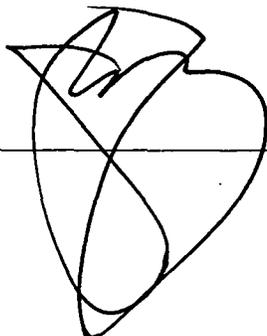22   State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal; and
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24   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25   Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Information Officer;
26   Chief Data Officer; Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of
27   Agriculture; Attorney General; Director of Finance; Director of
28   Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
29   Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General; Chairperson of
30   the Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; Chairperson
31   of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of Health; Director
32   of Human Resources Development; Director of Human Services;
33   Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Director of Law
34   Enforcement; Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation;
35   Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director
36   of Taxation; Director of Transportation; and President of the
37   University of Hawaii System.
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