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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A STATEWIDE DATA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
GOVERNANCE AND DECISION INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to break down data  
2 silos, improve data quality, improve interoperability, increase  
3 citizen satisfaction, and drive government performance, there is  
4 a need for statewide data solutions through data sharing, data  
5 and artificial intelligence governance, evidence-based decision  
6 making, and responsible use of data and artificial intelligence.  
7 Current data is stored in siloed systems, causing challenges  
8 when multiple agencies are often involved in a citizen's life  
9 events, especially during emergency response situations. The  
10 Maui wildfire and its impact on residents and others identified  
11 a need for timely and consistent data sharing among state  
12 agencies, and external service providers proved critical in  
13 providing essential needs, including housing and medical and  
14 educational support.

15           The purpose of this Act is to establish and appropriate  
16 funds for a statewide data and artificial intelligence



1 governance and decision intelligence center to break down data  
2 silos, improve data quality, improve transparency, use data and  
3 artificial intelligence responsibly, enable timely and accurate  
4 evidence-based decision-making, and ensure quality and  
5 timeliness of open data to promote transparency.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
7 by adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately  
8 designated and to read as follows:

9 "§27- Data and artificial intelligence governance and  
10 decision intelligence center; established. (a) There is  
11 established within the office of enterprise technology services  
12 a data and artificial intelligence governance and decision  
13 intelligence center, which shall be under the authority of the  
14 chief data officer.

15 (b) The data and artificial intelligence governance and  
16 decision intelligence center shall be responsible for:

17 (1) Facilitating the creation of a statewide memorandum of  
18 understanding for data sharing;

19 (2) Enabling secured and efficient data sharing across  
20 state agencies through implementing statewide data



- 1           sharing tools and platforms to improve  
2           interoperability;
- 3           (3) Implementing data and artificial intelligence policies  
4           and statewide data and artificial intelligence  
5           governance tools to allow agencies to protect data  
6           through proper access control for secured use of data  
7           and artificial intelligence;
- 8           (4) Collaborating with agencies and utilizing master data  
9           management technology to create a statewide master  
10           citizen record to enable seamless citizen service and  
11           improve citizen experience;
- 12           (5) Creating and managing a statewide integrated data and  
13           artificial intelligence platform to facilitate data  
14           sharing to enable analytics and decision  
15           recommendations;
- 16           (6) Establishing a team to support agency implementation  
17           of data policies, data management, and data analytics  
18           to support agencies and decision makers in evidence-  
19           based decision making; and
- 20           (7) Collaborating with county and other governmental  
21           agencies and private sector service providers to



1           obtain and integrate necessary data for sharing to  
2           better service citizens.

3           (c) For the purposes of this section:

4           "Data and artificial intelligence governance" means  
5           creating and implementing policies, standards, and tools to  
6           ensure availability, quality, security, privacy protection, and  
7           usability of data and artificial intelligence.

8           "Decision intelligence" means the use of machine learning-  
9           enabled and artificial intelligence-enabled data analytics and  
10          predictive models with visualized insights to provide decision  
11          recommendations, support operations, and track the impact of  
12          decisions.

13          "Integrated data and artificial intelligence platform"  
14          means a comprehensive data management solution package,  
15          including machine learning and artificial intelligence  
16          capabilities, that enables agencies to gather, manage, analyze,  
17          visualize, and share data, as well as conduct analytics,  
18          predictions, and decision intelligence functions, to gain  
19          insights in order to support decisions, policy making, and  
20          operations.



1        "Open data" means data that can be shared with the public  
2 for use and republication without restriction."

3        SECTION 3. Section 27-44, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5        "(a) There is established within the office of enterprise  
6 technology services a full-time chief data officer to develop,  
7 implement, and manage statewide data policies, procedures, and  
8 standards pursuant to section 27-44.3 [~~and to~~], facilitate data  
9 sharing across state agencies[-], and oversee the data and  
10 artificial intelligence governance and decision intelligence  
11 center pursuant to section 27- . The chief data officer shall  
12 use the state information assets and analytics to research and  
13 recommend processes and tools to improve inter-departmental and  
14 intra-departmental decision making and reporting. The chief  
15 data officer shall be appointed by and report directly to the  
16 chief information officer. Each executive branch department,  
17 including the department of education and University of Hawaii,  
18 shall use reasonable efforts to make appropriate and existing  
19 data sets maintained by the department electronically available  
20 to the public through the State's open data portal at



1 data.hawaii.gov or successor website designated by the chief  
2 data officer; provided that:

3 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall require departments to  
4 create new electronic data sets or to make data sets  
5 available upon demand;

6 (2) Data licensed to the State by another person or entity  
7 shall not be made public under this chapter unless the  
8 person or entity licensing the data agrees to the  
9 public disclosure; and

10 (3) Proprietary and other information protected from  
11 disclosure by law or contract shall not be disclosed.

12 This disclosure shall be consistent with the policies,  
13 procedures, and standards developed by the chief data officer  
14 and consistent with applicable law, including chapter 92F and  
15 other state and federal laws related to security and privacy,  
16 and no personally identifiable information shall be posted  
17 online unless the identified individual has consented to the  
18 posting or the posting is necessary to fulfill the lawful  
19 purposes or duties of the department."

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2026-2027 for the establishment and operation of a data and  
4 artificial intelligence governance and decision intelligence  
5 center pursuant to this Act, including the following for staff  
6 positions:

7 (1) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
8 permanent data quality specialist position to design  
9 and implement data classification rules, manage data  
10 quality, catalog data, and ensure data protection;

11 (2) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
12 permanent data privacy specialist position to design  
13 and implement data classification rules, manage data  
14 privacy, catalog data, and ensure data protection;

15 (3) \$120,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
16 permanent master data architect position to create,  
17 implement, and maintain master data management  
18 solutions, analyze and enrich master data elements,  
19 and manage data integrity to ensure data consistency  
20 across agencies and improve inter-operability;



- 1           (4)   \$120,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
2                   permanent data and artificial intelligence architect  
3                   position to design, develop, and optimize data and  
4                   artificial intelligence models and gather, analyze,  
5                   and interpret data, including geospatial data, to  
6                   solve complex problems, create visualizations, and  
7                   provide insights to support decisions;
- 8           (5)   \$110,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
9                   permanent data and artificial intelligence engineer  
10                  position to build and optimize data platforms to  
11                  enable the collection and usage of data for analysis  
12                  and data science;
- 13          (6)   \$120,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
14                  permanent data and artificial intelligence scientist  
15                  position to use statistics algorithms and machine  
16                  learning models to interpret data and conduct  
17                  predictive analytics to support decision making;
- 18          (7)   \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
19                  permanent data and artificial intelligence analyst  
20                  position to collect, interpret, and analyze business  
21                  data and convert it into actionable insights for



1 decision making using data analytics and machine  
2 learning and artificial intelligence solutions; and  
3 (8) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
4 permanent open data coordinator position to work with  
5 agencies to identify open data, ensure the State's  
6 open data is up to date, automate open data updates,  
7 and analyze the State's open data portal to create  
8 business insights.

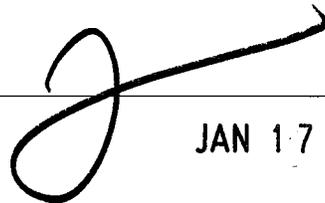
9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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# H.B. NO. 726

**Report Title:**

Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance and Decision Intelligence Center; Established; Data Sharing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for a data and artificial intelligence governance and decision intelligence center and necessary positions to improve data quality and data sharing statewide.

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