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Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR135
RELATING TO URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF
WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE FOR DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS

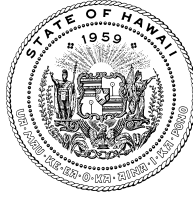
SENATOR ANGUS MCKELVEY, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 2025; 3:00 PM Room Number: 225

Department Position: The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure and offers comments.

Department Testimony: The Health Data and Informatics Office and Health Information System Office (HDIO HISO) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department of Health. The DOH supports the intent of defining data governance and data sharing agreements for appropriately and securely sharing information across State agencies and programs. These identified information sets should be shared based on standardized agreements and customer consent for the purposes of coordinating services and delivering improved outcomes for Hawaii residents, in line with privacy regulations. The general public face considerable cross-program and systemic barriers to coordinating services for themselves and their families. The DOH recognizes that cross-agency data has the potential to permit coordination of services across programs, for a holistic view of residents' needs. The DOH is committed to addressing both individual needs and the community's public health needs through standardized data sharing frameworks. The agency is actively participating in technical and data governance planning with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and other executive agencies, to establish the common foundations for data sharing. This collaborative approach is essential to improve

- 1 citizen experience when seeking services, and equally to streamline planning and evaluation of
- 2 the impacts of services delivery.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of
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Before the
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of
SCR135/SR114, Urging All State Departments to Partner with the Office of Wellness and Resilience for Data Sharing Agreements

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee,

I am writing to **SUPPORT INTENT** of **SCR135/SR114**.

Behavioral health conditions are widespread, impacting people across socioeconomic levels. Addressing homelessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and public health issues requires a collaborative and coordinated cross-agency planning process with public and private sectors. A coordinated effort to share and translate data across agencies and stakeholder groups will support developing evidence-based solutions along with effective program development and implementation to address the needs of our community. Partnering with the Office of Wellness and Resilience will support its work to develop a trauma-informed framework and address barriers that impact well being.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.C.R. 135 and S.R. 114
URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS
AND RESILIENCE FOR DATA-SHARING AGREEMENTS**

Senator Angus McKelvey, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations

March 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., Room Number: 225

The Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) in the Governor's Office **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** S.C.R. 135 and S.R. 114, which urges all State departments to partner with the OWR for data-sharing agreements. Such agreements are crucial to our mission of addressing barriers that impact individual social, physical, and emotional well-being through a trauma-informed framework.

As mandated by Act 291, SLH 2022, one of our primary functions is to "create a social determinants of health electronic dashboard that identifies a baseline of needs and concerns that impede high quality-of-life outcomes." In fulfillment of this mandate, the OWR partnered with the Health Policy Initiative at the University of Hawai'i to launch the Quality of Life and Well-Being Dashboard¹ in December 2024. This dashboard now represents the largest survey of health and well-being in Hawai'i to date and the largest administration of the CDC's WellBQ in the nation. This achievement positions our office uniquely to examine community needs through a data-driven lens, enabling us to develop effective, evidence-based, and trauma-informed strategies.

Without formalized data-sharing agreements, the OWR faces significant limitations in fulfilling our mandate. Like other states, many Hawai'i datasets remain siloed within individual departments and navigating through different data collection methodologies makes cross-departmental analysis difficult². Compounding these difficulties, recent federal policies have begun restricting access to major national datasets such as the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, making local-to-national comparisons increasingly difficult. While legitimate privacy concerns and inconsistent protocols limit information sharing, they also prevent the

¹ Barile, J. P., Orimoto, T., Kook, J., Chae, S. W., Dgheim, D., Rivera, C., Helfner, S., Turner, H., Thompson, K., Yamauchi, E., Leipold, N., & Hartsock, T. (2024). Hawai'i quality of life and well-being dashboard. Partnership for Wellness & Resilience, Health Policy Initiative, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
² Kim, S., Kim-Fat Ho, J. A., Li, Y., Fan, B., Yang, W. Y., Ramey, J., Fox, S., Zhu, H., Zimmerman, J., & Eslami, M. (2024). Integrating Equity in Public Sector Data-Driven Decision Making: Exploring the Desired Futures of Underserved Stakeholders. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 8(CSCW2), 1–39. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3686905>

development of valuable insights that could inform strategies to address the barriers affecting the well-being of Hawai'i's residents.

Research consistently demonstrates that integrating data from multiple sources provides community members and policymakers with a comprehensive understanding of community challenges that would not be apparent when analyzing data in isolation³. For example, this means we might be able to better identify: (1) the prevalence and impacts of trauma across different populations; (2) interconnected risk factors that cross departmental boundaries; (3) service gaps and opportunities for collaborative interventions; and (4) overlapping needs currently being addressed by multiple departments in silos.

The OWR stands ready to work collaboratively with all state departments to establish appropriate data-sharing agreements that respect privacy while advancing our shared kuleana of promoting the wellness and resilience of Hawai'i's people.

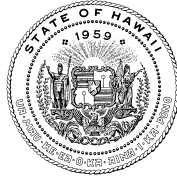
We believe these measures represent an important step toward breaking down institutional silos and fostering a more coordinated, effective approach to addressing trauma and promoting well-being throughout our state.

We respectfully urge your support for these measures and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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³ Hartley-Binns, J. (2023). Data at your fingertips: How the Integrated Data Service is helping to promote collaboration and efficient decision-making in the UK. *International Journal of Population Data Science*. 8(2). doi: 10.23889/ijpds.v8i2.2349.

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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135/ SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114
URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF
WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE FOR DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is in **support** of S.C.R. 135 and S.R. 114 which urges all departments to partner with the Office of Wellness and Resilience for data sharing agreements.

Data sharing and collaboration is required for appropriate interdepartmental decision-making like what the Office of Wellness and Resilience needs in order to address the barriers that impact an individual's social, physical, and emotional well-being through a trauma-informed framework.

Successful data sharing efforts rely on a strong data governance structure to ensure data is handled responsibly, securely, and ethically. This helps to minimize risk of shared data's integrity and privacy which undermines collaboration and innovation. Thus, a solid data governance structure is essential for safeguarding data and enabling effective decision-making. This resolution aligns with ETS's data strategy to promote a statewide data sharing framework supporting decision-making needs of all departments and offices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testify on this resolution.



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March 19, 2025

To: Senator Angus McKelvey, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Government Operations

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SR114/SCR135 URGING ALL **STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF** **WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE FOR DATA SHARING** **AGREEMENTS.**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SR114/SCR135.

I serve as a member of the Hawaii Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. Over the past 3 years, the task force has developed a plan and strategies that will incorporate trauma-informed approaches to services provided to children, youth, and families. This resolution will move Hawaii closer to the goal of becoming a trauma-informed State.

This resolution will support efforts by the Governor's Office of Wellness and Resilience to gather and share data needed to plan and implement a trauma-informed framework for services to all community members in Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

SCR-135

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 9:39:59 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/25/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this initiative.