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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding two new sections to part VII to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§27-A Open data portal; comprehensive Hawaii data hub;  
5 artificial intelligence chatbot; phased development. (a) The  
6 chief data officer shall enhance the State's open data portal at  
7 data.hawaii.gov or successor website, as designated through the  
8 office of enterprise technology services, to make the open data  
9 portal the comprehensive Hawaii data hub, which shall include  
10 public data from all state entities, by developing and  
11 publishing an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data  
12 visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the  
13 public in navigating the State's open data portal and finding  
14 information about statewide services across state departments  
15 and agencies.

16           (b) The chief data officer shall develop the artificial  
17 intelligence chatbot in phases. The chief data officer shall



1 ensure full transparency throughout the process and publish the  
2 contents covered in each phase of development of the chatbot,  
3 including tests and yearly audits, on data.hawaii.gov or  
4 successor website. State departments and agencies that deploy a  
5 chatbot shall utilize the artificial intelligence chatbot or  
6 link their departmental chatbot pursuant to the comprehensive  
7 Hawaii data hub to ensure chatbot results are consistent across  
8 state websites.

9 (c) In developing the artificial intelligence chatbot  
10 pursuant to this section, the chief data officer shall ensure  
11 that:

- 12 (1) Queries for the chatbot and answers by the chatbot are  
13 available in English and Olelo Hawaii;  
14 (2) Any answer provided by the chatbot includes a source  
15 link;  
16 (3) The chatbot includes a disclaimer that any answer  
17 provided by the chatbot is artificial intelligence-  
18 generated;  
19 (4) There is a clear means of connecting a chatbot user  
20 with a human if the user requests assistance;



1       (5) The chatbot is explicitly prohibited from providing  
2           any legal advice or medical advice to a user; and

3       (6) No user can delete data collected by the chatbot to  
4           respond to the user.

5       (d) The chief data officer may provide the artificial  
6       intelligence chatbot developed pursuant to this section to any  
7       state department or agency for use on that department's or  
8       agency's website.

9       (e) The chief data officer shall ensure the artificial  
10       intelligence chatbot developed pursuant to this section adheres  
11       to the State's privacy and security policies.

12       (f) As used in this section, "artificial intelligence  
13       chatbot" or "chatbot" means a software application, web  
14       interface, or computer program designed to have textual or  
15       spoken conversations that uses a generative artificial  
16       intelligence system capable of maintaining a conversation with a  
17       user in a manner that uses natural language and simulates the  
18       way a natural person would behave as a conversational partner.

19       §27-B Chief data officer; artificial intelligence;  
20       governance tools; departmental and agency use. (a) The chief  
21       data officer shall develop a system to evaluate and select for



1 procurement artificial intelligence governance tools for use by  
2 state departments and agencies to ensure the responsible use of  
3 artificial intelligence by those departments and agencies.

4 (b) The chief data officer shall establish a mechanism for  
5 state departments and agencies to report to the chief data  
6 officer on any artificial intelligence use cases and artificial  
7 intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies and  
8 publish a list of use cases and vendors on data.hawaii.gov or  
9 successor website; provided that state departments and agencies  
10 shall participate in the use case reporting process."

11 SECTION 2. Section 27-44, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended as follows:

13 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

14 "(a) There is established within the office of enterprise  
15 technology services a full-time chief data officer to develop,  
16 implement, and manage statewide data policies, procedures, and  
17 standards pursuant to section 27-44.3 [~~and to~~]; facilitate data  
18 sharing across state agencies[~~;~~]; and develop and publish an  
19 artificial intelligence chatbot to assist the public in  
20 navigating the State's open data portal and finding information  
21 about statewide services pursuant to section 27-A. The chief



1 data officer shall use the state information assets and  
2 analytics to research and recommend processes and tools to  
3 improve inter-departmental and intra-departmental decision  
4 making and reporting. The chief data officer shall be appointed  
5 by and report directly to the chief information officer. Each  
6 executive branch department, including the department of  
7 education and [~~University~~] university of Hawaii, shall use  
8 reasonable efforts to make appropriate and existing data sets  
9 maintained by the department electronically available to the  
10 public through the State's open data portal at data.hawaii.gov  
11 or successor website designated by the chief data officer;  
12 provided that:

- 13 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall require departments to  
14 create new electronic data sets or to make data sets  
15 available upon demand;
- 16 (2) Data licensed to the State by another person or entity  
17 shall not be made public under this chapter unless the  
18 person or entity licensing the data agrees to the  
19 public disclosure; and
- 20 (3) Proprietary and other information protected from  
21 disclosure by law or contract shall not be disclosed.



1 This disclosure shall be consistent with the policies,  
2 procedures, and standards developed by the chief data officer  
3 and consistent with applicable law, including chapter 92F and  
4 other state and federal laws related to security and privacy,  
5 and no personally identifiable information shall be posted  
6 online unless the identified individual has consented to the  
7 posting or the posting is necessary to fulfill the lawful  
8 purposes or duties of the department."

9 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

10 "(d) There is established a data task force to assist the  
11 chief data officer in developing the State's data policies,  
12 procedures, and standards~~[-]~~, including advising on the  
13 development and publication of an artificial intelligence  
14 chatbot to assist the public in navigating the State's open data  
15 portal and finding information about statewide services pursuant  
16 to section 27-A. The task force shall comprise the following  
17 members:

18 (1) One representative of the judiciary, to be appointed  
19 by the chief justice of the supreme court;

20 (2) The superintendent of education, or the  
21 superintendent's designee;



- 1 (3) The director of human services, or the director's  
2 designee;
- 3 (4) The director of health, or the director's designee;
- 4 (5) The director of business, economic development, and  
5 tourism, or the director's designee;
- 6 (6) The president of the [~~University~~] university of  
7 Hawaii, or the president's designee;
- 8 (7) Two members of the public to represent nonprofit  
9 organization stakeholders having experience in data,  
10 of which one member shall be chosen and invited to  
11 participate by the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives and one member shall be chosen and  
13 invited to participate by the president of the senate;  
14 and
- 15 (8) Two members of the public to represent for-profit  
16 business stakeholders having experience in data, of  
17 which one member shall be chosen and invited to  
18 participate by the speaker of the house of  
19 representatives and one member shall be chosen and  
20 invited to participate by the president of the senate.



1           The chief data officer shall serve as the chair of the task  
2 force and shall ensure that the task force is evaluated  
3 periodically."

4           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for:

- 7           (1) The chief data officer to develop and publish an  
8           artificial intelligence chatbot to assist the public  
9           in navigating the State's open data portal and finding  
10          information about statewide services pursuant to  
11          section 27-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- 12          (2) Artificial intelligence governance tools;
- 13          (3) The establishment of           full-time equivalent  
14          (           FTE) artificial intelligence engineer position;
- 15          (4) The establishment of           full-time equivalent  
16          (           FTE) artificial intelligence scientist  
17          position; and
- 18          (5) For any necessary improvements, as determined by the  
19          chief data officer, for the State's open data portal  
20          at data.hawaii.gov.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section  
4 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
6 the new sections in this Act.

7           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2077.



**Report Title:**

Chief Data Officer; Open Data Portal; Comprehensive Hawaii Data Hub; Artificial Intelligence; Governance Tools; State Departments and Agencies; Artificial Intelligence Chatbot; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website through the phased development and publishing of an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the public. Requires the Chief Data Officer to develop a system to evaluate and select artificial intelligence governance tools for use by state departments and agencies and establish a mechanism for reporting and publication of artificial intelligence use cases and artificial intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)

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