
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF
1964.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii provides many essential
2 services, programs, and activities to its residents, including
3 health and human services, child protection, access to public
4 benefits and medical services, emergency disaster relief, and
5 education; and

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7 WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42
8 U.S.C. §2000d, requires all entities receiving federal funds to
9 provide language-accessible services including the translation
10 of vital documents and other oral language services for limited
11 English proficient persons; and

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13 WHEREAS, individuals and non-profit entities have raised
14 substantial concerns regarding the State's compliance with Title
15 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the State should be in
18 full compliance with Title VI; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
22 that the Governor is requested to issue a directive instructing
23 all state departments to comply with Title VI of the Civil
24 Rights Act of 1964, or any other succeeding provision of federal
25 law, regulation, or guideline, and to ensure that all
26 departments are in full and complete compliance with Title VI;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature request an
30 audit of the Department of Human Services, including but not
31 limited to a review and analysis of the Department's compliance
32 with its obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
33 1964, to ensure meaningful access by people with limited English
34 proficiency by examining the adequacy of:

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36 (1) The Department's written policy of language access;



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- 2 (2) Any programs, protocols, or training used to ensure
- 3 that the Department's staff understands and is capable
- 4 of carrying out meaningful access to its services; and
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- 6 (3) The Department's oversight of the language assistance
- 7 program to ensure that people with limited English
- 8 proficiency have meaningful access to its services;
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor direct each
13 department to submit a report detailing its compliance efforts
14 to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior to the
15 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the
20 Auditor.

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