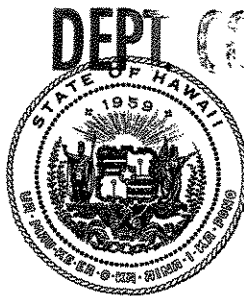


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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 409  
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Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Hawai'i Identity Theft Task Force Report*.

Act 140, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2006, created the Identity Theft Task Force, with the Office of the Auditor providing research and administrative support. The Task Force was charged with examining the collection and maintenance of personal identifying information by state and county agencies. This report includes the recommendations of the Task Force and the study prepared by the Task Force's consultant.

The consultant found state and county agencies maintain an estimated 20 to 30 million records containing personal identifying information, and that number is growing annually. There is an absence of comprehensive administrative, technical, and physical safeguards covering privacy and security of personal information at state and county agencies. The Task Force recommendations establish milestones for stemming the growth in volume and improving security and staff training.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, [www.state.hi.us/auditor](http://www.state.hi.us/auditor), and release it to the public and press, on Friday, December 28, 2007.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

c: ✓ Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk