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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RACE AND ETHNIC STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL STATISTICS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for more than twenty
2 years, the federal Office of Management and Budget's Statistical
3 Policy Directive No. 15, Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal
4 Statistics and Administrative Reporting, has set forth standards
5 for the uniform reporting of data on race and ethnicity.
6 Development of these standards stemmed in large measure from
7 responsibilities to enforce civil rights laws. This data is
8 needed to monitor equal access in housing, education,
9 employment, and other areas for populations that historically
10 had experienced discrimination and differential treatment
11 because of their race or ethnicity.

12 The legislature further finds that the collection of racial
13 and ethnic data by means of compliance with the Office of
14 Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 is
15 also important at the state level. Consistent, reliable racial
16 and ethnic data is vital to the development of effective



1 policies and programs that address the needs of the various
2 constituencies served and protected by the State.

3 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the executive
4 departments, agencies, and offices of the State comply with the
5 Office of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive
6 No. 15, as revised.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
8 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
9 read as follows:

10 "§26- Compliance with federal standards for the
11 reporting of race and ethnic data. (a) All executive
12 departments, agencies, and offices shall comply with the Office
13 of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15,
14 Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and
15 Administrative Reporting, as revised, which provides standard
16 classifications for record keeping, collection, and presentation
17 of data on race and ethnicity in federal program administrative
18 reporting and statistical activities.

19 (b) Any report to the federal government made pursuant to
20 subsection (a) and any records and files or other information
21 upon which the report is based shall constitute an excepted
22 government record under section 92F-13."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Government Records; Federal Race and Ethnicity Information

Description:

Requires state departments and agencies to comply with federal reporting requirements on race and ethnicity. Provides for confidentiality of information.

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