
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE'S FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15, ENTITLED "RACE AND ETHNIC STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL STATISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING", AND THE PUBLICATION OF COLLECTED DATA SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

1 WHEREAS, Asian Americans, native Hawaiians and other
2 Pacific Islanders represent approximately 48.6 percent of the
3 State's population; and
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5 WHEREAS, while Asian Americans, native Hawaiians, and other
6 Pacific Islanders are often misrepresented as a homogeneous
7 group, they are an extremely diverse group, with ethnicities
8 from over thirty different countries; and
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10 WHEREAS, Asian American, native Hawaiian, and other Pacific
11 Islander communities in this State experience diverse social,
12 educational, health, and economic differences that are unique to
13 their respective communities; and
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15 WHEREAS, due to this diversity, the United States Office of
16 Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15,
17 entitled "Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and
18 Administrative Reporting", separated the "Asian and Pacific
19 Islander" category into two distinct and separate categories,
20 now called "Asians" and "Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific
21 Islanders"; and
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23 WHEREAS, Hawaii's state agencies do not keep demographic
24 data in a standard or uniform manner that comports with these
25 prevailing federal standards; and



1 WHEREAS, most state agencies do not make collected
2 demographic data accessible to the public so that regional and
3 local governments, elected officials, decision makers, and other
4 stakeholders can use the information to strategically target
5 programs for those most in need; and
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7 WHEREAS, given the diversity of languages and cultures,
8 separating data for Asian American, native Hawaiian, and other
9 Pacific Islander ethnic groups and making the data publicly
10 accessible are critical for enhancing understanding of the needs
11 and experiences of these different communities; and
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13 WHEREAS, in particular, the State has unique trust
14 responsibilities with respect to native Hawaiians, which are
15 administered by a variety of state agencies, including but not
16 limited to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
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18 WHEREAS, the uniform collection and sharing of data
19 specific to native Hawaiians is critical to the proper
20 administration of the State's trust responsibilities and the
21 betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians through other
22 similar initiatives; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
27 to direct all state departments to comply fully with the United
28 States Office of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy
29 Directive No. 15, entitled "Race and Ethnic Standards for
30 Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting"; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
33 direct all state departments to make the collected data
34 available to the public, subject to applicable state and federal
35 laws; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
39 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
40 Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: _____

