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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
 25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
 26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is  
 27 requested to direct all state departments to comply fully with  
 28 the United States Office of Management and Budget's Statistical  
 29 Policy 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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