
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 RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

1 WHEREAS, Asian Americans, native Hawaiians and other
2 Pacific Islanders represent approximately 70 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

26 WHEREAS, most state agencies do not make collected
27 demographic data accessible to the public so that regional and
28 local governments, elected officials, decision makers, and other



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

