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SENATE 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
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27 WHEREAS, most state agencies do not make collected
28 demographic data accessible to the public so that regional and



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