HB 1858

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House Bill No. 1858
Relating to Workforce Information

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON CLAYTON HEE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. No.1858 is to require the Director of Human Resources

Development to annually report workforce demographic information to the Legislature.

The Department of Human Resources Development **supports** this bill given that an annual profile of the entire State of Hawaii Executive Branch is helpful data to consider in the formulation of policy and operational decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> HB1858, which would require the Director of Human Resources Development to annually report workforce demographic information to the Legislature.

OHA's strategic plan seeks to advance positive systemic change in accordance with OHA's strategic priorities of Kahua Waiwai (Economic Self-sufficiency), 'Āina (Land & Water), Hoʻonaʻauao (Education), Ea (Governance), Moʻomeheu (Culture) and Mauli Ola (Health). In order to develop plans to advance such change, OHA relies upon demographic data compiled by a variety of state agencies and other entities. The demographic information required by HB1858 could potentially provide another source of information that OHA could look to in an effort to respond to the needs of its beneficiaries.

OHA urges the committee to PASS HB1858. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.