
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND LAWS AND
REGULATIONS TO UPDATE PRIVACY LAW.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii law and culture has a high bar for privacy
2 when compared to other states; and

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4 WHEREAS, strong privacy laws are in the public interest;
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7 WHEREAS, implications for and interests relating to privacy
8 have changed in recent decades and laws must now catch up; and

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10 WHEREAS, the creation of the internet has significantly
11 impacted the course of human history; and

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13 WHEREAS, in the short span of twenty-three years, public
14 internet usage has increased from less than one percent to about
15 fifty-five percent of the world's population; and

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17 WHEREAS, today, approximately seventy-five percent of
18 Americans have access to the internet; and

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20 WHEREAS, as internet access has expanded, so has the
21 function, capability, and public use of the internet; and

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23 WHEREAS, a major function and use of the internet is the
24 collection and sharing of personal data and information, often
25 over jurisdictional boundaries; and

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27 WHEREAS, given the rapid and constant development of
28 internet function, capability, and public use, governments have
29 struggled to adopt law and regulations that are relevant to the
30 most current internet trends; and

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32 WHEREAS, one particular area in which internet use has
33 expanded and governments have struggled to comprehensively



1 regulate is the collection, transmission, processing,
2 protection, and storing of personal data and information; and

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4 WHEREAS, because of this struggle, the privacy of
5 individuals across the world has been compromised; and

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7 WHEREAS, some jurisdictions have attempted to regulate the
8 collection, transmission, processing, protection, and storing of
9 personal data and information in an effort to protect privacy of
10 internet users; and

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12 WHEREAS, in 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation
13 went into effect across the European Union, and placed
14 significant restrictions on companies that collect, transmit,
15 process, protect, and store personal data collected over the
16 internet; and

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18 WHEREAS, additionally, the General Data Protection
19 Regulation established significant penalties for those that do
20 not comply with the Regulation; and

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22 WHEREAS, also in 2018, the California Consumer Privacy Act
23 was signed into law, and it will go into effect in 2020; and

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25 WHEREAS, similar to the General Data Protection Regulation,
26 the California Consumer Privacy Act gives consumers rights, such
27 as the rights to opt out of the sale of any personal information
28 and have personal data erased, and require companies to disclose
29 certain uses of personal data; and

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31 WHEREAS, the State should examine existing internet privacy
32 laws and regulation to determine how to best protect the privacy
33 interests of the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
37 2019, that a Twenty-First Century Privacy Law Task Force be
38 convened to examine and recommend laws and regulations relating
39 to internet privacy, the collection, transmission, processing,
40 protection, storage, and sale of personal data, hacking, data
41 breaches, and other similar subjects; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Twenty-First Century
2 Privacy Law Task Force recommendations relating to internet
3 privacy laws are requested to match or exceed the intent of
4 Hawaii's existing privacy protections established in the State
5 Constitution and Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-First Century
8 Privacy Law Task Force comprise the following members or their
9 designees:

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11 (1) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, who
12 shall serve as co-chair of the Task Force;
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14 (2) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, who
15 shall serve as co-chair of the Task Force;
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17 (3) The Attorney General;
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19 (4) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
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21 (5) The Chief Information Officer; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Twenty-
24 First Century Privacy Law Task Force may invite other interested
25 parties to join the Task Force; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Twenty-First
28 Century Privacy Law Task Force serve without compensation; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-First Century
31 Privacy Law Task Force is requested to submit a report of its
32 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
33 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
34 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney General;



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1 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chief Information
3 Officer.

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