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March 21, 2022

To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair,  
And members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair,  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 92 URGING THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL  
DIRECTIVE ORDERING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT  
DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT  
AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15.**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, (HYSN) a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 92.

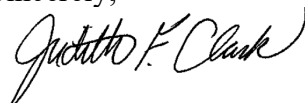
In Asia and the Pacific Islands, there are literally hundreds of languages and cultures. When federal agencies combine Asians and Pacific Islanders in their data sets, the specific needs and issues facing Native Hawaiians and other subgroups are not recognized. And when issues and needs are not recognized, there is no impetus to address them.

When data is available it often shows huge disparities. Two-thirds of Hawaii's teen births are among Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. Forty to fifty percent (40-50%) of our homeless youth identify as Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders. Disaggregation of COVID data brought significant insights into ways to provide outreach to over-represented populations.

Data is powerful.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark MPH

Aloha Chairman

I strongly support SCR92/ SR82 for Health Equity for all Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI)

As Board Director for `Āinahau o Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club, Orange County, California; Chairman for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Kōmike Mālama Ola, Health and Human Services, I am a retired Nurse Case Manager with LA County Department of Hospitals with 39 years serving the indigent communities of Los Angeles County. As co-founder of Pacific Islander Health Partnership, I currently serve as Program Manager serving the NHPI communities throughout Orange County and surrounding communities of Southern California to advance health equity for the NHPI communities who experience disproportionate health disparities with heart disease, cancers, diabetes, mental wellness and COVID-19.

The Federal Office of Management and Budget revised Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 in 1997, separating the “Asian and Pacific Islander” category into the “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” categories. Numerous data reports at local, state, and federal level continue to fail to report disaggregated Native Hawaii data as detailed in “Data Justice: About Us, About Us, By Us, For Us,” issued by the Hawai`i Budget and Policy Center and Papa Ola Lōkahi on March 5, 2021.

As of July 2021, eight states are still using obsolete “Asian Pacific Islander” category and 17 states continue to use the insufficient “Other” category on their COVID-19 dashboards, instead of reporting disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander data.

We continue to serve our Lāhui living outside of Hawai`i. We strongly request your support of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Resolution 2021-81: **URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ORDERING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15.**

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to share my strong support for SCR92 / SR 82 to advance our work for health equity for our Lāhui.

O wau no me ka ha`aha`a,  
Jane Ka`alakahikina Pang, PHN, CCM (retired)  
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# KE ONE O KĀKUHIIHEWA

O'ahu Council of the  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

Hawai'i State Legislature  
House of Senators  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

*Pō'ahā, Malaki 24, 2022*  
*Lumi 'Aha Kūkā 016 a me ka vikiō*  
*Ke Kapikala Moku'āina*  
415 South Beretānia Street

Re: SCR92 / SR 82 - URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ORDERING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15

*Aloha Luna Ho'omalū Shimabukuro a me Nishihara, Hope Luna Ho'omalū Keohokalole a me DeCoite, and members of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:*

The Ke One O Kakuhihewa-O'ahu Council for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** SCR 92 / SR 82. This bill urges the President of the United States to issue a Presidential Directive ordering federal agencies to report disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander data in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive 15.

At its 62nd annual convention, our Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, of which we are a member, adopted resolution 2021-18, URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15. A copy of that resolution which was sent to President Joe Biden, and Shalanda Young, Acting Director for the Office of Management and Budget is attached.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has taken an active approach since 2005 to adopt more than 30 resolutions that either cite disaggregated data in support of Native Hawaiian issues, honored Native Hawaiian-serving institutions and community members that contributed or safeguarded Native Hawaiian data, or urged governmental agencies at the Federal, State, and local levels to provide data disaggregating Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders.

Thus, the O'ahu Council respectfully urges the Committee to **SUPPORT** SCR 92 /SR 82.

Ke One O Kakūhihewa-O'ahu Council, is a native Hawaiian organization made up of 24 Hawaiian civic clubs on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole on December 7, 1918.

Sincerely,

Benton Kealiikiamoku Pang, President

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

## ***A RESOLUTION***

NO. 2021 - 81

### **URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15**

WHEREAS, racial and ethnic data play a critical role in identifying disparities, monitoring programs for civil rights compliance, informing public policy development, and guiding funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club has adopted over 30 resolutions since 2005 that either cited disaggregated data in support of Native Hawaiian issues, honored Native Hawaiian-serving institutions and community members that contributed or safeguarded Native Hawaiian data, or urged government agencies at the Federal, state, and local levels to provide data disaggregating Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, including Resolutions 2020-42, 2019-46, 2013-16, 2012-12, 2010-20, and 2008-35; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Office of Management and Budget revised Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 in 1997, separating the “Asian and Pacific Islander” category into the “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” categories; and

WHEREAS, numerous data reports at the local, state, and federal level continue to fail to report disaggregated Native Hawaiian data as detailed in “Data Justice: About Us, By Us, For Us,” issued by the Hawai‘i Budget and Policy Center and Papa Ola Lokahi on March 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2021, eight states were utilizing the obsolete “Asian Pacific Islander” category and 17 states were utilizing the insufficient “Other” category on their respective COVID-19 dashboards, instead of reporting disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander data; and

WHEREAS, some local and state governments recognize the importance of urging government agencies to improve data collection and reporting practices and access to disaggregated Native Hawaiian data, as evidenced by the Hawai‘i State Legislature adopting the resolution, “Recognizing the Importance of 21st Century Data Governance and Fact-Based Policymaking,” and the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii adopting the resolution, “Urging the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu to Disaggregate Racial Data Collection

and Reporting Beyond Federal Minimum Standards,” and California Government Codes 8310.5 and 8310.7, explicitly requiring California state agencies to collect data for each major Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander group, including “Hawaiians,” separate from “Samoans,” “Tongans,” “Fijians,” and “Chamorros;” and

WHEREAS, Hawai’i and California have released disaggregated Native Hawaiian COVID-19 case and death data that identified disparities between Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islander groups which has contributed to the justification of more culturally tailored and effective services; and

WHEREAS, numerous federal agencies fail to utilize a “Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander” category when reporting data from critical surveys such as the Department of Education’s Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey and the Department of Health and Human Services’ National Health Interview Survey, among others; and

WHEREAS, Article II Section 1 Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution vests the President of the United States with the discretionary authority to issue federal directives for the purpose of managing executive branch resources; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget is an office within the Executive Office of the President of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 62nd Annual Convention held online, in the malama of Kā’elo and the rising of Hoku, this 16th day of January 2022, urging President Biden to issue a presidential directive to federal agencies to report disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander data in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Biden issue a Presidential directive ordering federal agencies to take all appropriate steps to fully comply with Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to President Joseph R. Biden Jr., Vice President Kamala Harris, Shalanda Young, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Erika L. Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison, Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Krystal Ka’ai, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai’i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Kā'elo and the rising of Hoku, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs held online.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hailama V.K.K. Farden", written over a horizontal line.

Hailama V.K.K. Farden, President

**LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

SCR92 – URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ORDERING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO REPORT DISAGGREGATED NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DATA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE NO. 15.

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:00pm, Rm 016 & Videoconference

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) offers testimony in **SUPPORT** of HR181, which urges the President of the United States to issue a presidential directive ordering federal agencies to report disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander data in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 (OMB-15). Such disaggregated data is crucial to ensure fully informed decisions are being made regarding policies and programs affecting Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

The importance of disaggregated data is highlighted by the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Initial data reports of COVID-19 cases revealed that Pacific Islanders and Filipinos were disproportionately impacted by the virus.<sup>1</sup> By contrast, Hawai'i's Asian population experienced case rates that were disproportionately lower.<sup>2</sup> This data allowed the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) to focus on supporting initiatives targeting the disproportionately affected communities,<sup>3</sup> and indeed the case numbers reflected a noticeable improvement after the first vaccines became available.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> From March 8, 2020, to January 31, 2021, Pacific Islanders accounted for 4% of the population and 24% of COVID-19 cases; Filipinos accounted for 16% of the population and 20% of cases. HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, COVID-19 IN HAWAII: ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY IN DIVERSE POPULATIONS 13 (2021), available at <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/COVID-19-Race-Ethnicity-Equity-Report.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> From March 8, 2020, to January 31, 2021, Japanese accounted for 15% of the population and 7% of COVID-19 cases; Chinese accounted for 5% of the population and 3% of cases. *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 20 - 28.

<sup>4</sup> See Hawaii State Department of Health, *Race of COVID-19 Cases, Hawaii 2021*, [https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/tableau\\_dashboard/race-ethnicity-data/](https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/tableau_dashboard/race-ethnicity-data/) (last visited Mar. 23, 2022)

While CNHA expresses great appreciation for the 1997 revision of OMB-15, which separated the "Asian or Pacific Islander" category into "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander," we are hopeful that the federal government will continue to further separate its race-based categories. Further disaggregation will surely reveal trends that would otherwise be masked by categorizing certain groups together. For example, the DOH's COVID-19 case data shows that among "Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders," the Pacific Islander group experienced much higher rates of COVID-19 cases,<sup>5</sup> as well as deaths. In fact, when compared to other parts of the country, *Pacific Islanders in Hawai'i had the highest COVID-19 mortality rate in the country.*<sup>6</sup>

CNHA understands the difficulty of data disaggregation, and acknowledges the federal government's good-faith efforts to engage in this process in a methodical and systemic manner. However, to the extent that federal agencies are not complying with OMB-15, it is imperative that this issue be addressed immediately. Not only will this help facilitate fully informed decision making by federal agencies, but state and local governments may also benefit from the availability of disaggregated federal data. Additionally, disaggregated data will also help inform federal, state, and local government responses to the economic devastation that various communities suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement urges the Committee to **PASS** HR181. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO  
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

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<sup>5</sup> From March 8, 2020, to January 31, 2021, Native Hawaiians accounted for 21% of the population and 19% of COVID-19 cases; Pacific Islanders accounted for 4% of the population and 24% of cases. HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, *supra* note 1 at 13.

<sup>6</sup> As of January 31, 2021, Hawai'i had the lowest COVID-19 mortality rate in the country (excluding territories), with approximately 22 deaths per 100,000 population, compared to the national average of 153 deaths per 100,000 population. However, the age-adjusted mortality rate for Pacific Islanders (in Hawai'i) was 319.6 deaths per 100,000; by contrast, the age-adjusted mortality rate for Native Hawaiians (in Hawai'i) was 17.1 deaths per 100,000. *Id.* at 14.