

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.

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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,
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KE ONE O KĀKUHIEWA

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 Kākuhihewa-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 16th day of January 2022, at the 62nd Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs held online.

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Hailama V.K.K. Farden, President



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March 23, 2022

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and the COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair (HWN)
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair (PSM)

Group Testimony in Support of SR82- Requiring reporting of disaggregated data

Aloha Chairs Maile Shimabukuro and Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chairs Jarrett Keohokalole and Lynn DeCoite and members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Ahahui o nā Kauka, the Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians, established in 1998 to *Champion Superior Health Care for all Native Hawaiians*, is **IN SUPPORT of SR82**, which 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 1997 OMB standards.

The 1997 OMB standards set a minimum level of collection and reporting of race and ethnicity data to federal agencies. Some states collect and report more granular data for their own purposes, but the data reported to the federal government is supposed to be reported and aggregated into the categories of Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White. Although there are problems with even these fairly broad categories, many governmental agencies do not even report these minimum standards.

The COVID-19 epidemic provides a useful example regarding the importance of disaggregated data. The pandemic highlighted challenges for communities, agencies and governments as they struggled to address the pandemic. Without disaggregated data, we would not have seen the large disparities that hit Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities in Hawai'i and across the country. For example, by early 2021, 16 of 21 states that reported NHPI data showed that NHPI had the highest per capita COVID-19 case rates of any racial group. Unfortunately, many states did not report NHPI data at all and some continued to aggregate NHPI data with Asians in their reporting. Remarkably, in January of 2021, Hawai'i was the *only* state that disaggregated Native Hawaiians from Pacific Islanders. By doing so, we were able to see that our Pacific Islander population was the one that was actually suffering from the largest disparities in case rates.

By disaggregating racial data, disparate problems in smaller communities that are hidden by aggregation become visible. In Hawai'i, our further disaggregation of the NHPI population allowed for increased efforts to address COVID-19 in our Pacific Islander communities in the forms of communication and educational outreach in language, public and private partnerships in testing and vaccination and the hiring of community

health workers who understood the cultures and could speak the languages of those communities that were being so severely impacted.

Clearly, disaggregated data is critical for government and the private sector to effectively plan, prioritize resources, implement services, and create policies that support our communities not only in Hawai'i, but throughout the United States, to be more resilient and healthy. Ideally, reporting categories should be even more disaggregated, but at the minimum, all federal agencies should be required to honor the minimum standards set forth by the 1997 OMB standards. Many institutions and agencies are dependent on federal data reports to set policy. These reports allow for targeted policies and public health efforts. Data drives policy and funding and too much is at stake for our communities to allow them to remain hidden in large aggregated categories. For these reasons, we strongly support SR82. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:00 PM, CR 016 & Videoconference

RE: 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.

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Papa Ola Lōkahi (POL) testifies in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **SR 82**, which urges the President of the United States to require federal agencies to report disaggregated Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) data in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget statistical policy directive No. 15 (OMB 15), last updated in 1997. Identifying needs, tracking patterns across time, and developing data-informed policy and advocacy for health are just a few of the broad examples of why OMB 15 implementation must be prioritized.

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, work to improve the race/ethnicity data in Hawai'i empowered the State Department of Health to be able to identify and respond to specific community needs. This level of disaggregation, though not currently part of OMB 15, signifies the next steps for federal data governance. Measures that urge or increase the quality of race/ethnicity data are critical to representing communities across the United States with high fidelity so that government agencies may continue improving the mobilization of resources, response efforts, and health equity work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SR 82.

Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, authorized by the federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, is charged with raising the health status of Native Hawaiians to the highest possible level, which we achieve through strategic partnerships, programs, and public policy.

Papa Ola Lokahi

is the Native Hawaiian Health Board established in 1988 to improve the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 2:30:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/24/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The President is a Big CROOK all the evidence is coming out of Ukran!!

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:42:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/24/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma Chrupaluk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let us remind the president of the United States of Corporation that failure to comply with this measure makes him just as guilty as he claims Putin to be, therefore making Biden a public hypocrite. Let Biden be in the understanding that he must uphold his word to fix all of the wrongdoings of America, lest he choose to be in direct violation of Title 18 of the USC. Remind him that people are watching his every move and taking the necessary steps to correct these infractions against the Original people of the land. Lastly, Biden needs to be reminded that without our tax dollars and vote, he has no job. He works for the people, not for the corporation.

For those of you legislators who are not well equipped with some of America's history, the Act of 1871 rendered America as a corporation that operates under the World Bank in England, which explains why Washington DC is a *Flagship Office* (corporate retail term) and not a part of the United States of America. The fact that America is governed by how much money it can make, or how profitable each state (product line) is, proves that the entity is a corporation and not a governing entity. For this reason, there is a barcode on every registered birth certificate in America - which makes each human born in America to be a chattel of sorts - a person is either a productive debit to the account in the World Bank, or the person is a credit in the account at the World Bank. This is why poor neighborhoods cannot get the resources that they need to succeed, and why our youth in poor economic areas, are not thriving - which contributes to a greater amount of crime and punishment against a people who are committing such crimes as a means to feed and support their families.

SR-82

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 8:05:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/24/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hardy Spoehr	Testifying for Spoehr Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony for SR 82. I will be brief. In 1998, OMB disaggregated the old Asian Pacific Islander (API) identifier into two distinct and separate groups - Asian Americans (AA) and Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (NHOPI). Despite this complete separation of these two groups, it continues to be a real concern as all too often the old API identifier still creeps into population research and data analysis and reporting. This oversight has distinct repercussions in data reporting and defining disparities within each of these population groupings. In short, the status of AAs overshadows that of NHOPIs because of the disparate population sizes of each of these groups. These impacts were thoroughly discussed in a paper issued by Papa Ola Lokahi in 2008 titled *Threads in the Human Tapestry*.

Besides this issue is the concern that public agencies often fail to realize just how important it is to report data utilizing ethnic and racial identifiers as defined by OMB. I relate the fact that our own State Department of Health failed to report ethnic data based on OMB's identifiers as it related to COVID for many months. This hid the fact that NHOPI - particularly PI had much greater COVID issues than other groups in our islands. This is why here in Hawai'i it's particularly necessary to differentiate still further the PI groups here in Hawai'i. this should be a "no-brainer" for our state departments - particularly those concerned with health, housing, and education.

More worse is the fact that all too often these social indicators are not reported on even in the light that it is against federal law to not report federal data (particularly health data) in accordance with OMB's racial and ethnic identifiers. This was required by the Patient Protection and Affordability Act (Affordable Care Act) P.L. 111-148. Section 3101(a) of Title XXXI within Section 4302 of the act requires that "any federally conducted or health care or public health program, activity or survey...collects and reports data in accordance with OMB standards for racial and ethnic measures."

In short, Senators, this proposed resolution just reaffirms federal requirements for data reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Hardy Spoehr