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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established a compacts of free  
2 association census task force within the department of human  
3 services for administrative purposes. The task force shall  
4 enact a census-taking project to determine the number of  
5 compacts of free association residents in the State.

6           (b) The task force shall consist of the following members,  
7 or their designees:

8           (1) The director of human services who shall serve as  
9 chair;

10          (2) The president of the University of Hawaii;

11          (3) The superintendent of education;

12          (4) The director of health;

13          (5) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing  
14 authority;

15          (6) The consul general of the Federated States of  
16 Micronesia;



1 (7) The consul general of the Republic of the Marshall  
2 Islands; and

3 (8) The consul general of the Republic of Palau.

4 The chairperson may invite other parties to participate on  
5 the task force as necessary. Additional members may include  
6 stakeholders from voluntary private social services providers,  
7 community groups, and other appropriate organizations.

8 (c) The department of human services shall provide  
9 administrative and clerical support as required by the task  
10 force.

11 (d) The task force shall:

12 (1) Submit an interim report on its status and progress to  
13 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
14 convening of the regular session of 2024; provided  
15 that the interim report shall contain a timeline for  
16 the implementation of the census-taking, including the  
17 projected completion date; and

18 (2) Submit a final report of its findings and  
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
20 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
21 the convening of the regular session of 2025.

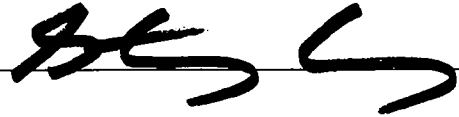


1 (e) The task force shall be dissolved upon the adjournment  
2 of the 2025 regular session of the legislature.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 144

**Report Title:**

Compacts of Free Association; Task Force; Census; Department of Human Services

**Description:**

Establishes the compacts of Free Association Census Task Force within the Department of Human Services to conduct a census of COFA residents in Hawaii.

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