
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION, PROCESSING, RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES.

1 WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other
2 Pacific Islanders represent 46.5 percent of the State's
3 population; and
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5 WHEREAS, while Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other
6 Pacific Islanders are often misrepresented as a homogenous
7 group, they are an extremely diverse group, comprising
8 ethnicities from over thirty different countries, who experience
9 diverse social, educational, health, and economic differences
10 that are unique to their respective communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States Office of Management and
13 Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, entitled "Race and
14 Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative
15 Reporting", separated the "Asian and Pacific Islander" category
16 into two distinct and separate categories, now called "Asians"
17 and "Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders", which were
18 used in the 2020 United States Census; and
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20 WHEREAS, despite the federal government's current policy
21 and practice of disaggregating data related to Asian Americans,
22 Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders, not all of the
23 State's agencies keep demographic data in a standard or uniform
24 manner that comports with prevailing federal standards; and
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26 WHEREAS, most state agencies do not make collected
27 demographic data accessible to the public for regional and local
28 governments, elected officials, decision makers, and other
29 stakeholders to use the information to strategically target
30 programs for those most in need; and
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1 WHEREAS, given the diversity of languages and cultures,
2 separating data for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and other
3 Pacific Islander ethnic groups is imperative and making data
4 publicly accessible is critical for enhancing understanding of
5 the needs and experiences of different communities across the
6 State; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State has unique trust responsibilities with
9 respect to Native Hawaiians, which are administered by a variety
10 of state agencies; and

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12 WHEREAS, uniform collection and sharing of data specific to
13 Native Hawaiians is critical to the proper administration of the
14 State's trust responsibilities and improving the conditions of
15 Native Hawaiians through other similar initiatives; now,
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
20 that the Department of Health is requested to convene a Twenty-
21 First Century Data Governance Task Force to assess current
22 demographic data collection, processing, retention, and sharing
23 procedures utilized by all state agencies; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
26 include the following members or their designees:

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28 (1) The Director of Health; who is requested to serve as
29 the chairperson of the task force;
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31 (2) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable
32 Development;
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34 (3) The Chief Information Officer;
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36 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian
37 Affairs; and
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39 (5) Other relevant members to be identified and invited by
40 the task force; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2025; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
8 dissolve on June 30, 2025; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of
12 the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Chief
13 Information Officer, and Chief Executive Officer of the Office
14 of Hawaiian Affairs.

