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Testimony in SUPPORT OF SCR174

**REQUESTING THAT A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK
FORCE BE CONVENED TO ASSESS CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA
COLLECTION, PROCESSING, RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES
UTILIZED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES.**

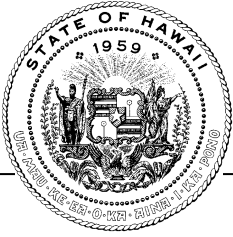
SENATOR ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Monday, March 25, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Room 225

- 1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure and looks
- 2 forward to contributing to this meaningful conversation.
- 3 Identifying opportunities for improved data collection, in particular standardizing and refining
- 4 race and ethnicity, is critical for fundamental public health activities such as performing
- 5 epidemiological assessments, as well as conceptualizing, implementing, and evaluating
- 6 interventions.
- 7 Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS, Interim Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
SCR174/SR 150

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COLLECTION, PROCESSING, RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES
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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Government Operations.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) urges your **strong support** for both SCR 174 and SR 150, which requests that a Twenty-First Century Data Governance Task Force be convened to assess the current demographic data collection, processing, retention, and sharing procedures of all state agencies.

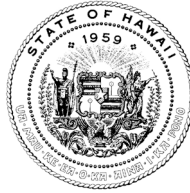
OPSD has served on the SCR 5 working group convened the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and on the current Act 136 working group charged with this task. We were not able to complete the work and would like this opportunity to continue this discussion on the need to collect demographic data that reflects the diversity of Hawaii's residents and their language access needs and other unique cultural strengths.

OPSD supports the offer of the State Department of Health to be the lead in convening the proposed Task Force. OPSD would value the opportunity to serve on the Task Force. Improving equity depends on improving access. Improving access depends on knowing the unique needs of different communities in Hawaii.

Mahalo to the Senate for your leadership in extending this effort. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Written Testimony of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 174 / SENATE RESOLUTION 150
REQUESTING THAT A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE BE
CONVENED TO ASSESS CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION, PROCESSING,
RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) **supports** this resolution and offers comments.

We suggest our Chief Data Officer (CDO) be included as part of the Twenty-First Century Data Governance Task Force rather than the Chief Information Officer (CIO).

The work of this task force would come under the purview of the CDO. The CDO supports the Chief Information by overseeing a comprehensive State strategy to govern data capture, storage, maintenance, visualization, analysis, sharing, integration, and access that will result in beneficial outcomes for the public.

The CDO would be able to coordinate and align the Twenty-First Century Data Governance Task Force with the ongoing work of the existing Data Task Force.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Testimony in Support of SCR 174
RELATING TO CONVENING OF A TWENTY FIRST CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE
TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION,
PROCESSING, RETENTION, AND SHARING PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY ALL STATE
AGENCIES

Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225 and Videoconference, 3:00 PM

TO: Senate Committee on Government Operations

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Hawaii Data Collaborative, I am writing in support of SCR 174 relating to convening of a twenty-first century data governance task force. We humbly recommend that the task force include the State Chief Data Officer (CDO), Rebecca Cai.

This resolution ensures the necessary discussions on data governance and data equity occur, not with respect to Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander ethnic groups, but all of the ethnicities that make up our diverse State. Including the State CDO into the task force will ensure that the data collection, processing, retention and governance discussions and decisions that occur in this task force can be coordinated and shared across other agencies and data task forces, breaking down the data silos that currently exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SCR 174.

Respectfully submitted,

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