Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 742

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DATA SHARING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services;
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that siloing data in separate state agencies has created knowledge gaps that limit the State's ability to address the affordability crisis, workforce

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development, and other issues facing its residents. Increased data-sharing and collaboration between state departments and agencies would enable informed, evidence-based decision-making, facilitating superior policy outcomes. Therefore, this measure establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group to develop recommendations to improve data-sharing within the state government.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Working Group shall review the adequacy of departmental data sharing and the data task force in addressing the State's data-sharing capabilities, rather than data-sharing needs;
- (2) Designating the Chief Information Officer, rather than the Chief Data Officer, to serve as the chairperson of the Working Group;
- (3) Requiring the Working Group to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027, rather than the Regular Session of 2026;
- (4) Mandating the Working Group to cease to exist on June 30, 2027, rather than June 30, 2026;
- (5) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services for the Working Group;
- (6) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (7) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2025; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

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Co-Chair

IKAIKA HUSSEY

Co-Chair

HENRY J.C. AQUIN

Chair

CHRIS LEE Co-Chair

Hawai'i State Legislature

Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
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