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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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June 25, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1491, S.D. 1,
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING.
ACT 221

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the statewide
2 longitudinal data system stores and analyzes career and
3 technical education data it receives from all state educational
4 systems and workforce training agencies to support research and
5 evaluation that will improve outcomes throughout the early
6 education to workforce pipeline. While other state agencies are
7 included in the system to provide data as appropriate, the
8 determination of whether or not data from another department is
9 appropriate is left to the department of education, the
10 executive office on early learning, the university of Hawaii,
11 the department of labor and industrial relations, and the
12 department of human services.

13 The legislature further finds that data currently collected
14 by state educational systems and workforce training agencies
15 does not include information from certain segments of Hawaii's
16 workforce, such as those who are self-employed. This leaves the
17 current workforce data incomplete. Gathering data from the tax



1 filings of those who are self-employed will provide a more
2 accurate analysis of the State's workforce.

3 The purpose of this Act is to include the department of
4 taxation and department of business, economic development, and
5 tourism in the departmental data sharing through the statewide
6 longitudinal data system to allow for a more accurate analysis
7 of the State's workforce.

8 SECTION 2. Section 27-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§27-7 Departmental data sharing.** (a) The department of
11 education[]; the executive office on early learning[]; the
12 [~~University~~] university of Hawaii[]; the department of labor
13 and industrial relations[]; the department of human
14 services[]; the department of taxation; the department of
15 business, economic development, and tourism; and other state
16 agencies, as appropriate, shall share data through the statewide
17 longitudinal data system to support research and evaluation that
18 will improve outcomes throughout the early education to
19 workforce pipeline. The data to be shared shall be determined
20 jointly by the department of education[]; the executive office
21 on early learning[]; the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii[];



1 the department of labor and industrial relations[]; the
2 department of human services[]; the department of taxation; the
3 department of business, economic development, and tourism; and
4 other state agencies, as appropriate, and shall be shared no
5 less than annually[]; provided that any data provided by the
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism or
7 department of taxation shall also be aggregated or anonymized.

8 (b) The department of education[]; the executive office
9 on early learning[]; the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii[];
10 the department of labor and industrial relations[]; the
11 department of human services[]; the department of taxation; the
12 department of business, economic development, and tourism; and
13 other state agencies, as appropriate, shall share data in a
14 manner that safeguards the confidentiality of student education
15 records, as defined by the federal Family Educational Rights and
16 Privacy Act, and workforce data, as provided by applicable
17 federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

18 (c) The statewide longitudinal data system shall store and
19 analyze career and technical education data it receives from all
20 state educational systems and workforce training agencies
21 pursuant to section 304A-304 to analyze the cross-agency



1 longitudinal education and workforce outcomes of students who
2 attempted an educational course, training program, career
3 program, postsecondary program, or other state-supported
4 workforce training program. Data to be shared shall be
5 determined jointly by the relevant agencies and shall be shared
6 no less than annually.

7 (d) All data shared by or with the department of human
8 services[7]; department of taxation; department of business,
9 economic development, and tourism; department of education[7];
10 public charter school authorizers[7]; public charter schools[7];
11 executive office on early learning[7]; and other entities as
12 required by statute shall be subject to any state or federal
13 laws and any administrative rule regarding privacy adopted by
14 the department or agency that collected the data.

15 (e) The department of education[7]; the executive office
16 on early learning[7]; the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii[7];
17 the department of labor and industrial relations[7]; the
18 department of human services[7]; the department of taxation; the
19 department of business, economic development, and tourism; and
20 other state agencies, as appropriate, shall partner to



1 collectively govern the statewide longitudinal data system and
2 determine protocols to:

3 (1) Prioritize analyses and research questions that will
4 provide information to improve educational and
5 workforce outcomes and policies; and

6 (2) Approve requests for access to data provided by the
7 department of education[]; the executive office on
8 early learning[]; the [~~University~~] university of
9 Hawaii[]; the department of labor and industrial
10 relations[]; the department of human services[]; the
11 department of taxation; the department of business,
12 economic development, and tourism; and other state
13 agencies, as appropriate.

14 (f) All state agency directors shall consider sharing data
15 for the statewide longitudinal data system."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



S.B. NO.

1491
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2025



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1491, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives