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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF HAWAII'S OPEN DATA PORTAL BY INCREASING AND EXPANDING THE DATA SETS AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, CENTRALIZING ALL OPEN DATA SETS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS ONTO THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, AND CONTINUALLY UPDATING THE DATA SETS FOR ACCURACY AND RECENCY OF PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DATA.

1 WHEREAS, the commitment of the state government to long-
2 term strategic business and information technology
3 transformation is essential to:

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- 5 (1) Successfully harnessing the power of technology to
6 increase service quality and satisfaction for the
7 State's people on any island and at any time;
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- 9 (2) Elevating the State's work force to compete within a
10 twenty-first century economy that provides livable
11 wages;
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- 13 (3) Securing and protecting citizens' data and privacy in
14 the modern era; and
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- 16 (4) Promoting cost-efficiency, effectiveness, and
17 transparency in the use of taxpayer funds; and
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19 WHEREAS, many states and major municipalities across the
20 United States have adopted open data-driven policies that
21 require government agencies to collect and publish data and
22 promote data collection and sharing in the private sector, in
23 recognition that access to empirical data is critical for
24 decision-makers to make informed decisions in the interest of
25 citizens; and
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27 WHEREAS, other states and major municipalities have
28 established and operate successful open data portals, including



1 the City of Chicago's Data Portal that hosts over six hundred
2 datasets about its departments, services, facilities, and
3 performance, presented in easy-to-use formats; and
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the Legislature passed Act 263, Session
6 Laws of Hawaii 2013, requiring the executive branch departments
7 to make electronic data sets available to the public through the
8 State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal at data.hawaii.gov (now
9 renamed the Hawaii Open Data Website), and requiring the Chief
10 Information Officer, in consultation with the Office of
11 Information Practices, to develop policies and procedures to
12 implement the open data initiative; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature also passed Act 167, Session Laws
15 of Hawaii 2022, which established a Chief Data Officer and a
16 Data Task Force within the Office of Enterprise Technology
17 Services to develop, implement, and manage statewide data
18 policies, procedures, and standards to facilitate data sharing
19 across state agencies; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Open Data Website, the
22 State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal provides residents, analysts,
23 and civic developers with unparalleled access to state data for
24 use in increasing transparency, driving civic innovation, and
25 engaging participants in a more collaborative form of government
26 with over one hundred fifty data sets organized by six major
27 topics, including Culture and Recreation, Economic Development,
28 Employment, Environmental Protection, Formal Education, and
29 Government-wide Support; and
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31 WHEREAS, there are certain issues with the existing State
32 of Hawaii's Open Data Portal, including certain data sets not
33 being provided in forms that are useful, data sets needing to be
34 requested from individual departments rather than being
35 constantly updated and readily available for users on the Open
36 Data Portal, and some users being required to visit the websites
37 of individual departments for certain data sets as they are not
38 made available on the Open Data Portal; and
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40 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal can be
41 improved to include more useful and meaningful data sets by
42 increasing the available data sets and expanding the breadth and



1 depth of data types, and to provide a more efficient and
2 consistent process for users to access and retrieve all state
3 department data sets directly from the Open Data Portal by
4 centralizing and continually updating them on the Open Data
5 Portal; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of
10 Enterprise Technology Services is urged to improve the State of
11 Hawaii's Open Data Portal by increasing and expanding the data
12 sets available on the Open Data Portal, centralizing all open
13 data sets of all state departments onto the Open Data Portal,
14 and continually updating the data sets for accuracy and recency
15 of publicly accessible data; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in improving the State of
18 Hawaii's Open Data Portal, the Office of Enterprise Technology
19 Services is urged to study and assess the successful open data
20 portals of other states and major municipalities, including the
21 City of Chicago's Data Portal; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the heads of all state
24 departments are urged to work with the Office of Enterprise
25 Technology Services to centralize their open data sets to the
26 State of Hawaii's Open Data Portal; and

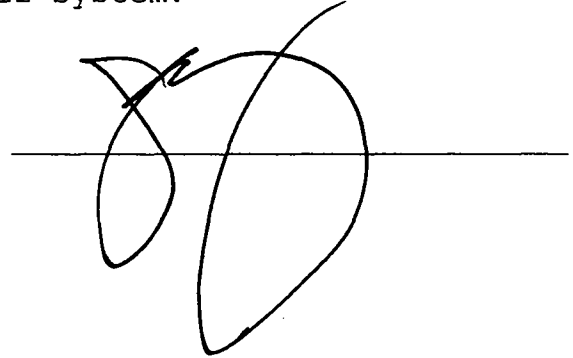
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Information
30 Officer; Chief Data Officer; Comptroller; Chairperson of the
31 Board of Agriculture; Attorney General; Director of Finance;
32 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
33 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General;
34 Chairperson of the Board of Education; Superintendent of
35 Education; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
36 Director of Health; Director of Human Resources Development;
37 Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial
38 Relations; Director of Law Enforcement; Director of Corrections
39 and Rehabilitation; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural



1 Resources; Director of Taxation; Director of Transportation; and
2 President of the University of Hawaii System.

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