



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony for the
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
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SB 2174: RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA BY STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter. The University of Hawai'i does not support SB 2174 in its present form. The University of Hawai'i currently collects race/ethnicity data in categories that exceed the federal reporting requirements. These additional categories (attached) allow the University to disaggregate some, but not all, of the Asian and Pacific Islander groups listed in the bill. The categories that the University has identified reflect the categories most relevant to our faculty, staff, and student body. If we were to further disaggregate, the numbers in certain categories would be so small that we would not be able to release it in keeping with federal privacy and confidentiality laws.

We respectfully ask that the Committee not pass this bill in its present form.

Ethnicity/Race Categories: University of Hawai'i and U.S. Census Bureau
Asian and Pacific Islander Categories

University of Hawai'i	U.S. Census Bureau (2010)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander:	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander:
Native Hawaiian/Part-Hawaiian/Mixed Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian
Samoa	Samoa
Tongan	
Guamanian or Chamorro	Guamanian or Chamorro
Micronesia	
Other Pacific Islander	Other Pacific Islander
Asian:	Asian:
Asian Indian	Asian Indian
Chinese	Chinese
Filipino	Filipino
Japanese	Japanese
Korean	Korean
Laotian	
Thai	
Vietnamese	Vietnamese
Other Asian	Other Asian