



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony for the
House Committee on Culture and the Arts
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HB 1983: RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA BY STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Belatti, and members of the Committee on Culture and the Arts:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter. The University of Hawai'i does not support HB 1983 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) |
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| 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 |