



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 6, 2021

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith HB1284 HD2 SD2 CD1, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

HB1284 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1284

Honorable Members
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

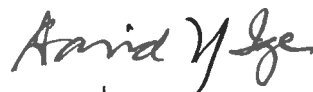
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 1284, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Human Services."

The purpose of this bill is to establish within the Department of Human Services (DHS) an "all-claims, all-payer data center steering committee" to "oversee and provide direction for the all-claims, all-payer database and data center within the health analytics program established in section 346-421," Hawaii Revised Statutes, composed of one member from the DHS and six members from other agencies.

This bill is objectionable because another multi-agency steering committee already exists in the State Health Planning and Development Agency, which is almost identical in its composition and responsibilities to the committee proposed in the bill. The existing multi-agency steering committee is actively carrying out its duties. This bill also lacks clarity regarding the relationship between the steering committee established in this bill and the administrator of the DHS's Health Analytics Program, a position established by section 346-421(a), HRS, as it is ambiguous regarding which entity has superceding authority over the all-claims, all-payer database and data center.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 1284 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Y. Ige", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor of Hawai'i