



DATA TASK FORCE MEETING - DRAFT

March 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting was held via Microsoft Teams (videoconference interactive conferencing technology).
Physical location: 1151 Punchbowl Street, Conference Room B-30, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Members Present

Rebecca Cai, Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)
Mai Nguyen Van, Judiciary
Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, Department of Education
Ranjani Starr, Department of Human Services
Steve Sakamoto, Department of Health
Dr. Eugene Tian, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
Sandra Furuto, University of Hawai'i
Thomas Lee, Hawai'i Data Collective
Kaimana Walsh, Hawai'i Green Growth
Representative Amy Perruso, State House

Members Excused

Torrie Inouye, Bank of Hawaii

Other Attendees

ETS: Todd Omura, Javzandulam Azuma, Susan Bannister, Greg Dalin, Shamanta Palikhey
Candace Park
Burt Lum
P. Young

I. Call to Order

Quorum established; meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Public Testimony

None.

III. Introduction to the Data Task Force

Chair Cai welcomed and thanked members for serving on the task force. Members shared areas they are interested in and what they envision for data and AI for the state. Chair Cai has one year of public service as the state Chief Data Officer and 24 years in the private sector and excited with what the task force can achieve together using data to support evidence-based policymaking and citizen-centric services.

Representative Amy Perruso is chair of the House Higher Education and Technology Committee and would like to work toward removing some of the data silos to provide better outcomes for the community.

Thomas Lee is with the Hawaii Data Collaborative. Looking forward to working on governance and cross-sectional decision making and data sharing.

Kaimana Walsh is with Hawai'i Green Growth. The non-profit organization manages the Aloha+ Challenge dashboard on the opendata.hawaii.gov website. They work with the statewide GIS program Geo AI and how it impacts Hawaii's natural resource management areas and other collective goals. Would like to build trust between agencies.

Mai Nguyen Van is with the Judiciary and interested in the frameworks of data sharing. She mentioned a legislative act to share criminal data across different agencies. The Judiciary currently does not have good data governance and framework in place.

Tammi Oyadomari-Chun is with the Department of Education (DOE). Her wish list includes the ability to use their interagency data to learn about the outcomes of DOE high school graduates who do not go to college and DOE students who may have dropped out before graduation. The DOE currently has a robust data sharing with the University of Hawaii (UH) and with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations as it relates to UH graduates post-employment outcomes. This data would help provide a better understanding of their return on investment.

Member Ranjani Starr is with the Department of Human Services, Med Quest Division. Interested in working to improve the use and analysis of data relating to people's health.

Member Steve Sakamoto is with the Department of Health. Look to improve sharing data among government agencies and data security and data management practices. For data and AI, predictive analytics forecasts potential future trends on historical data, which would be very useful for public health management. AI deployments should be aligned with the department's strategic goals.

Dr. Eugene Tian is the state Economic Research Administrator with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Their office generates numerous statistics and economic reports. How can their department improve its data quality and quantity and how it's presented. Interested in seeing how agencies use AI.

Sandra Furuto is with the University of Hawai'i and worked on data governance and data management issues. Good opportunity to standardize the processes of how their

researchers can request and access data. And ensure that agencies are comfortable with the type of security measures that are in place.

Chair Cai stated that the Task Force serves as an advisory committee to support the state Chief Data Officer to review data policies, procedures, and standards as required by Act 167. The plan is to work with the Data Task Force members to review its policies and standards and recommend processes and tools, conduct a final review of such deliverables during its regular meetings. The finalized deliverables will be published on the data.hawaii.gov website.

IV. Hawaii's journey to a data-drive future: strategy and action plan

Chair Cai's presentation is attached. Topics covered:

- Driving trust, transparency, citizen satisfaction, and innovation through responsible use of data and AI in public services.
- To achieve strategic goals, the task force will collaborate with departments to create data standards and guidelines with ongoing review and updates as needed.
- Clear ownership and responsibilities at state, department, and data set levels will ensure proper governance for trusted and sustainable data and AI use.
- Driven by use case, data standards guide data lifecycle management to continuously create measurable impacts through data applications including AI.
- Business use cases and user questions determine data processes and tools to create insights and recommend actions as needed.
- A federated data ecosystem is needed to apply state data standards and securely manage shared data while empowering business with all data functions needed.
- Process and tool research and recommendations will be conducted in 2024.

V. Announcements

Meeting schedule: June 17, 2024, September 16, 2024, December 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2: 40 p.m.