

# HB2597 • Hawaii

## Relating To Artificial Intelligence.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 30, 2026): Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.

## Summary

HB2597 requires Hawaii's Chief Data Officer to develop an AI chatbot and data visualizations in phases, and to publish AI use cases and vendors. The analysis is based on the official description.

## Business Impact

If you operate in Hawaii and use AI, you must comply with new reporting requirements by January 2025 or face penalties.

## Key Provisions

- Phased enhancement of the State's open data portal with an AI chatbot.
- Development of data visualizations for statewide shared datasets.
- Creation of a system to evaluate AI governance tools for state agencies.
- Establishment of reporting mechanisms for AI use cases and vendors.
- Appropriation of funds for the initiatives outlined in the bill.
- Effective date set for January 1, 2077.

## Industries Affected

Technology

Government

## Topics

Comprehensive AI

User-Facing AI

## Bill Sponsors

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Name	Party	Role
GATES		Primary
HOLT		Primary
NAKAMURA		Primary
QUINLAN		Primary
TODD		Primary
OHNO		Primary
HASHEM		Primary
ICHIYAMA		Primary
GARRETT		Primary
ILAGAN		Primary
KAHALOA		Primary
KAPELA		Primary

## Roll Call Votes

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Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-03-25	The committee(s) on GVO recommend(s) that the mea	4	0	Passed
2026-03-25	The committee(s) on LBT recommend(s) that the mea	4	0	Passed
2026-03-02	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be	16	0	Passed
2026-02-06	The committee on ECD recommend that the measure be	7	0	Passed

## Related Bills

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- HB2591 (HI)

## Official Source

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