Hirono-Heller All Students Count Amendment on AAPI Data
Based on the All Students Count Act (S. 389)

Supported by National Education Association (NEA), National Associations of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (NAESP and NASSP), Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), National Council of La Raza (NCLR), National Urban League (NUL), Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, and many others…

Why Do We Need More AAPI Disaggregated Data?

• ESEA helped shed a light on achievement gaps by requiring disaggregated data on student achievement for major racial and ethnic groups, disability, language status, and poverty.
• The current federal “Asian/Pacific Islander” student category appears to perform well overall, but the data hides major achievement gaps facing some subgroups.
• With better data, teachers, parents, principals, policymakers, and community organizations will know where they can target support to the students who need it most.
• We don’t have public K-12 data, but the 2010 Census data on college attainment shows the challenge:

![Image showing college attainment by AAPI groups.]

What Does the All Students Count AAPI Data Amendment Do?

• In Local Education Agencies (“LEAs,” or school districts) with over 1,000 AAPI students, the amendment would require reporting on student achievement for the major AAPI subgroups.
• These data will include only the major race categories used in the 2010 Census: seven Asian American groups (Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Other Asian), and four Pacific Islander groups (Native Hawaiian, Guamanian or Chamorro, Samoan, and Other Pacific Islander). These categories have been created through research to identify large populations. LEAs will not have any guesswork to determine which race groups to include.
Would the Amendment Require More Accountability or Intervention?

• No. The proposed bill would only be used for public reporting purposes.
• No accountability measures or required interventions are tied to the amendment.
• LEAs with fewer than 1,000 AAPI students (and their states) would make no changes at all.

What about Disaggregated Data for Other Groups?

• Data reporting for other race and ethnic groups would remain the same. Data on different types of disability, or different levels of English Language Proficiency, would not be required.
• The standalone All Students Count Act (S. 389) was negotiated with a group of AAPI, Latino, women’s rights, and other civil rights groups; they agreed on the carefully-worded language and the need for AAPI subgroup disaggregation as a top priority.

Does the Amendment Include Cross-Tabulations? (i.e. race and gender)

• No. The All Students Count Act (S. 389) includes cross-tabs, but not this compromise amendment.
• Cross-tabs could be addressed in a separate ESEA amendment.

Will this be difficult for local school districts and states to implement?

• No. Districts would just add a few checkboxes to their student registration forms and data systems. Many districts’ data software includes free automatic updates that could include AAPI data fields.
• Today, all states have instituted Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems with the technical capacity to handle new data fields.
• Back in 2001, No Child Left Behind required public reporting of data disaggregation for the first time, and every public school district succeeded in implementing the new categories. Both Republicans and Democrats agree: our current categories of disaggregated data have shined a light on achievement gaps and have helped teachers, administrators, and policymakers to close them.
• The bipartisan Every Child Achieves Act already includes new reporting on achievement of military-dependent kids, and new measures for all students and schools. Implementing AAPI data disaggregation would not be in a vacuum, but as one of many updates at once.
• If this amendment is enacted, states and districts would have significant time to implement the changes. ED would provide guidance and technical assistance, and districts could share best practices.

Do any districts already disaggregate by AAPI subgroups?

• Yes. Dozens of states and/or districts already collect and/or report disaggregated data.
• In 2012, over 700 districts, states, colleges, and community advocates voluntarily shared their tips and best practices on data disaggregation with ED’s voluntary Request for Information, here.
• In 2013, ED hosted the iCount symposium, where stakeholders shared best practices. With the Hirono Amendment, districts and states can collaborate to help each other implement AAPI data disaggregation, with or without ED’s support.

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Which Groups Have Endorsed the All Students Count Amendment?

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA)
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), joined by:

**National Organizations**

18MillionRising.org
Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Alliance for Excellent Education
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF)
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC
Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute
Asian Pacific Islander American Association of Colleges and Universities (APIACU)
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Boat People SOS (BPSOS)
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Equal Rights Advocates
Futures Without Violence
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
Girl Scouts of the USA
Hmong National Development, Inc.
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Education Fund
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health (NAAPIMHA)
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA)
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Legal Defense and Educational Fund (NAACP – LDF)
National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
National Commission on Asian American & Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE)
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Education Association (NEA)
National Federation of Filipino American Associations
National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF)
National Organization of API Ending Sexual Violence
National Pacific Islander Educator Network
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
National Tongan American Society  
National Urban League (NUL)  
National Women's Law Center  
Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates)  
Pacific Islander Center for Research & Advocacy  
Poverty & Race Research Action Council  
Raise Your Pen Coalition  
Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund  
Teach For America (TFA)  
The Center for APA Women  
The Center for Civil Rights Remedies at UCLA's Civil Rights Project  
The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
The National Crittenton Foundation  
Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations  
United States Student Association  
United We Dream  
Vietnamese Culture and Science Association  
Wider Opportunities for Women  
YWCA USA

**State Based Organizations**

**Arizona**  
Asian Pacific Community in Action  
Japanese American Citizens League of Arizona

**California**  
Alyansa ng mga Kababayan at UC Irvine  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles  
Asian Americans for Community Involvement  
Asian American Pacific Islander Health Research Group at UC Berkeley  
Asian Law Alliance  
Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute  
Asian and Pacific American Student Success  
The Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA  
Asian Pacific Islander Faculty Staff Association at San Jose State University  
Banteay Srei  
Cal Berkeley Democrats  
California Faculty Association  
California Women's Law Center  
Central Valley Hmong Democrats  
Chinese for Affirmative Action  
Community Health for Asian Americans  
Democratic Activists for Women Now  
Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries  
Graduate Coalition of the Native Pacific at UCLA  
hardboiled Newsmagazine at UC Berkeley  
Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition  
Hmong Women's Heritage Association  
International Children Assistance Network (ICAN)  
Kababayan at UCI
Khmer Girls in Action
Oakland Unified School District (Data and Analytics Department)
OCA-Greater Los Angeles
OCA San Mateo
Pacific Islander Education & Retention at UCLA
Pacific Islands' Student Association at UCLA
REACH! Asian/Pacific Islander Recruitment and Retention Center
San Jose Chapter – Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
Silicon Valley Chapter - Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
Silicon Valley Education Foundation
Southeast Asians Furthering Education (SAFE) at UC Davis
Southeast Asian Student Coalition
Stone Soup Fresno
Taulama for Tongans
UCLA Asian American Studies Graduate Student Association
Vietnamese Student Union at UCLA

Connecticut
Lao Association of Connecticut, Inc.

Delaware
BPSOS-Delaware Valley

District of Columbia
Feminist Majority Foundation
Legal Momentum

Florida
University of Florida Asian American Student Union

Georgia
Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.
Malaysian Association of Georgia
OCA-GA

Hawaii
Pacific American Foundation

Illinois
Advancing Justice – Chicago

Iowa
Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa

Louisiana
VAYLA - New Orleans

Maryland
Association of Vietnamese Americans

Massachusetts
Asian American Resource Workshop
Asian-American Women's Political Initiative (AAWPI)
Boston Asian American Student Intercollegiate Coalition
Metta Health Center of Lowell Community Health Center
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
Tufts Asian American Alliance

Minnesota
Chinese Social Service Center
Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans
Hmong American Partnership
Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota
Lao Family Community of MN, Inc.

New Jersey
Princeton Asian American Students Association

New York
Coalition for Asian American Children & Families
Gay Asian Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)
SUNY Albany Asian American Alliance
Women's Sports Foundation

Ohio
Asian Services In Action

Oregon
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

North Carolina
Southeast Asian Coalition

Pennsylvania
Asian Pacific Student Coalition at University of Pennsylvania
Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia
BPSOS-Delaware Valley
SEAMAAC

Rhode Island
Providence Youth Student Movement
Laotian Community Center of Rhode Island

Tennessee
Cambodian Cultural Association of Memphis

Texas
Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Collective (APAC)

Utah
National Tongan American Society

Virginia
BPSOS-Falls Church
VAYLC - Vietnamese American Youth Leadership Conference

**Washington**
Asian Student Commission
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
Vietnamese Friendship Association

**Wisconsin**
Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association

**Regional Organizations**
Asian American LEAD
Coalition of API Americans Collaborating Together to Unite the Southwest (CAACTUS)
East Coast Asian American Student Union
Midwest Asian American Students Union
OCA-DC
West Coast Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (WCAPSU)