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**HAWAII'S ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM RECEIVES
NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

HONOLULU — The Hawai'i State Department of Health's (DOH) Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) recently received the Digital Government Achievement Award at the 12th Annual Best of the Web Ceremony held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hawai'i's EDRS was recognized in the *Government-to-Government* category by the National Center for Digital Government. This annual awards program recognizes the most innovative, user-friendly state and local government portals and data systems.

"This national recognition was achieved through collaboration with the Hawai'i Information Consortium, Hawai'i's EDRS vendor, and among mortuaries, medical examiner/coroner physicians, medical facility record staff, and private physicians statewide who participate in the program," said Alvin Onaka, PhD, state registrar of vital statistics, and chief, Office of Health Status Monitoring.

Funded by a grant from the Social Security Administration, the EDRS is an Internet-based system that enables users of the system to electronically register and certify deaths with the Department of Health.

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Previously, the death record was completed manually on paper by the mortuary/funeral home and the medical certifier. The paper record was then sent to the Department of Health for filing. The EDRS now provides for the paperless filing of a death record and improves the timeliness and accuracy of cause-of-death reporting.

In addition, the decedent's social security number can now be electronically verified in real time through the EDRS at the time the case is created, with instantaneous response back from the Social Security Administration. Death information from the Honolulu Medical Examiner's Quincy Case Management System is electronically transferred directly to the EDRS.

The Electronic Death Registration System is part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing effort to improve government services and increase the availability of public information.

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