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**Heller and Hirono Amendment Seeks to Address Achievement Gap** **(Washington, DC)**– U.S. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV) and Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI) have filed an amendment to the Every Child Achieves Act. This legislation requires school districts with over 1,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander students to report on student achievement for the major race categories used in the 2010 census. “Nevada’s Asian American and Pacific Islander community continues to grow year after year. Having more data at our fingertips is critical to understanding how well our students are doing. While this student category appears to perform well overall, increasing transparency will help address achievement gaps facing subgroups in this community. With better analytics, parents, teachers, and administrators will be able to target students who need the most help. I’m proud to join Senator Hirono in a bipartisan manner to offer this important amendment.” **said Senator Heller.**     “,” **said Senator Hirono**. ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |