

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN DANIEL K. AKAKA

*Roadmap for a More Efficient and Accountable Federal Government:
Implementing the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act*

Hearing

**Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,
the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia**

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**Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
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The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, often referred to as GPRA, or the Results Act, was the first statutory framework for strategic planning, goal setting, or performance measurement. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), before GPRA, few agencies used results-oriented performance information to enhance management and strategic policy decisions.

The Results Act was a bipartisan effort that succeeded in establishing a comprehensive, consistent foundation for agency strategic planning, performance planning, and reporting. I believe GPRA is, and must remain, the cornerstone of the Federal Government's performance management framework.

However, lessons learned from nearly two decades of experience implementing the Results Act, informed by numerous GAO and other expert recommendations, confirmed the need to refine and enhance it. I want to recognize and thank Chairman Carper for his strong leadership on government performance and management issues, including sponsoring the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010. Senators Carper, Warner, and I worked closely with Congressman Henry Cuellar, as well as Senators Lieberman, Collins, and former Senator Voinovich, to develop and pass the landmark, bipartisan GPRA Modernization Act to accomplish that critical goal.

The new law enhances the Federal Government's performance management framework, building upon GPRA while requiring the Federal Government to adopt a more strategic and collaborative approach to performance improvement. The new Act also streamlines and increases the transparency of performance reporting by requiring agencies to report performance data through a single Federal website.

I believe Congress has a responsibility to promote effective performance management that empowers agencies to spend taxpayer dollars wisely while carrying out their critical missions. With the passage of the GPRA Modernization Act, our Nation's dedicated public servants will have the performance management tools to accomplish real, meaningful results for all Americans.

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