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**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 033 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO TEACH DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY IN GRADES K-12 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOLS.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of SCR 33 to convene an advisory committee to make recommendations to teach digital citizenship and media literacy in grades K-12, and respectfully provides comments.

The Department recognizes the importance of educating all students in media literacy and digital citizenship with the rapid changes occurring in our world and the exponential growth of technology in our schools, homes and work place.

Recognizing that all students across grades K-12 need digital citizenship skills to engage in their communities and make smart choices online and in life, the Department continues to implement its General Learner Outcomes to address the tenet of *Effective and Ethical User of Technology*.

As part of each school's design and expansion of computer science, the elements of digital citizenship, media literacy and internet safety are integrated within their unique courses, offerings and opportunities.

Further, the Department's three-year computer science road map strategically ensures accountability to continuously improve and assess the capacity for teachers and students as they prepare for a technology-driven society. A computer science work group capitalizes on the voices of its members to solicit feedback and recommendations to advise the Department's forward-facing direction and implementation aligned to national best practices. This collaborative work group is comprised of key educators and stakeholders, non-profit organizations, institutes of high education and community organizations.

The Department's multi-year plan additionally identifies instructional materials and resources in media literacy, digital citizenship, and internet safety aligned with federal programs and guidelines from E-rate and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Given the Department's dedication and ongoing work in preparing Hawaii's students for citizenship in the digital world as they exercise appropriate, responsible and safe behaviors and skills, the Department respectfully suggests that this measure is not necessary at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 33.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).