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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

1 WHEREAS, the modern digital world influences media content
2 of news on current events, thereby shaping the public's
3 perception of reality; and

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5 WHEREAS, media literacy is a necessary skill that allows
6 all citizens to access, analyze, and evaluate information;
7 create messages; and act using a variety of forms of
8 communication; and

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10 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve
11 should be educated in media literacy to obtain the skills and
12 experiences needed to become full participants in the digital
13 world, including instruction in understanding how media shapes
14 perceptions; and

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16 WHEREAS, students use technology to play, learn, and
17 communicate at school and home, and need to learn how to use
18 technology responsibly; and

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20 WHEREAS, instruction in media literacy should be
21 incorporated into every classroom and every curriculum content
22 area to prepare students to live and work in a digital world;
23 now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
27 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is
28 requested to convene an advisory committee to make
29 recommendations to develop and implement a plan to teach digital
30 citizenship and media literacy in grades K-12 in public schools,



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1 including charter schools and Hawaiian language immersion
2 schools; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the advisory
5 committee include:

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7 (1) Experts in media literacy, digital citizenship, and
8 internet safety, including but not limited to academic
9 experts and non-profit organizations; and

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11 (2) Other stakeholders, such as teachers, librarians,
12 parent organizations, students, educators, and
13 administrators; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, by December 31, 2019, the
16 advisory committee is requested to make recommendations to the
17 Department of Education on the following:

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19 (1) Best practices, resources, and models for grade-
20 appropriate instruction in media literacy, digital
21 citizenship, and internet safety;

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23 (2) Strategies that will support the Department with the
24 implementation of the best practices identified by the
25 advisory committee, including strategies for
26 delivering professional development to educators and
27 administrators; and

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29 (3) Any other matters deemed relevant by the advisory
30 committee; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
34 of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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