

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2655

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 13 2020**

RE: S.B. No. 2458  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2458 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCREEN TIME AWARENESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Health to create and host a website and launch a public education campaign on the effects of screen time on children and teens.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that there is a growing body of empirical data and anecdotal accounts that suggest time spent in front of screens has a negative impact on children's mental health and healthy relationship formation. A growing body of evidence also suggests that excessive screen time may have an important impact on the high increase in anxiety, depression, and suicide among teens. However, despite this research, the State lacks an educational resource for families on the effects of excessive screen time and best practices for limiting screen time. This measure would provide additional resources for families regarding the effects of screen time on children's and teens' mental health and their ability to form strong, healthy relationships.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the website requirements to include a link and references to national websites that offer evidence-based screen time guidelines by age group, resources, and best practices for parents;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required the website to answer frequently asked questions; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2458, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2458, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health  
and Technology,



JERRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Technology**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2458</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH/TEC, NAM</b>	Date: <b>2/11/2020</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			X <sup>8</sup>
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top:10px;"> </div>				
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