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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE CIVIC ONLINE  
REASONING AND MEDIA LITERACY IN ITS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
CURRICULUM.

1           WHEREAS, teaching civic online reasoning and media literacy  
2 prepares students for judging credibility of the media and  
3 online sources; and  
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5           WHEREAS, exposure to the principles of truth and fact  
6 allows for students to better distinguish falsehoods and to  
7 better prepare them in the twenty-first century of news and  
8 online media; and  
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10           WHEREAS, studies have shown that many students have failed  
11 to effectively evaluate the credibility of information and  
12 should be given the tools to seek and evaluate information to  
13 distinguish truths from falsehoods; and  
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15           WHEREAS, learning about the origin of information allows  
16 students to seek evidence, become well-informed, and to identify  
17 trustworthy sources; and  
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19           WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by Stanford  
20 University researchers, when it comes to evaluating information  
21 that flows through social media channels, children are easily  
22 misled; and  
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24           WHEREAS, being educated about civic online reasoning and  
25 media literacy increases students' ability to access, analyze,  
26 and evaluate information; and  
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28           WHEREAS, Hawaii's students, as a whole, will develop sound  
29 digital citizenship and become media literate in a world where  
30 facts matter; now, therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 198

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
4 Education is urged to include civic online reasoning and media  
5 literacy in its information technology curriculum in order to  
6 allow students to distinguish truths from falsehoods and fact  
7 from fiction; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
11 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of  
12 Education.

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