



GOV. MSG. NO. 1334

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2214 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO DIGITAL LITERACY.
ACT 232

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DIGITAL LITERACY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to a 2015
2 report by the Association of Library Service to Children,
3 library services increasingly center on digital tools and media.
4 In 2015, seventy-five per cent of households owned some form of
5 digital media device. However, guidance and knowledge on the
6 use of digital media are often lacking. Providing parents and
7 children with a deeper understanding of the digital tools
8 available to them is essential to the well-being of families in
9 the twenty-first century.

10 The legislature further finds that digital literacy skills
11 are crucial for career success in the twenty-first century.
12 According to a Brookings Institution report from 2017,
13 workplaces across the country and globe have undergone a rapid
14 process of digitization. The percentage of workplaces with high
15 levels of digital content has grown dramatically in recent
16 years, while the percentage of workplaces that rely on a lower
17 level of digital content has decreased by a similarly dramatic
18 margin. While digitization offers advantages to digitally



1 literate individuals, it also increases barriers for members of
2 the public who lack digital skills. Increasing digital literacy
3 among members of the public would increase their competitiveness
4 in an economy increasingly defined by the ability to use digital
5 tools.

6 The purpose of this Act is to increase access to digital
7 tools and promote digital literacy by establishing a digital
8 literacy program to be administered by the board of education
9 through the state librarian.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 312, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§312- Digital literacy program. (a) The board of
14 education, through the state librarian, shall:

15 (1) Provide for the establishment and ongoing operation of
16 a digital literacy program for the public libraries in
17 the State; and

18 (2) Provide coordination and facilitation of the
19 activities of digital literacy service providers and
20 digital literacy programs in the public, private, and
21 volunteer sectors.



1 (b) The objectives of the digital literacy program shall
2 be to provide programmatic activities promoting digital learning
3 in the community by providing digital skill building
4 opportunities that aim to improve:

- 5 (1) Knowledge and skills in digital literacy;
- 6 (2) Knowledge and skills in the use of digital education
7 tools and platforms; and
- 8 (3) Knowledge, skills, and the use of digital education
9 tools and platforms to make digital technology
10 accessible to individuals with disabilities.

11 (c) The digital literacy program shall not affect existing
12 department of education programs relating to adult education as
13 provided under sections 302A-432 to 302A-435."

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
17 establishment and administration of the digital literacy program
18 established by this Act.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
20 public library system for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



S.B. NO. 2214
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 30th day of June, 2022


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2214, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives