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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 necessary skill that allows all  
6 citizens to access, analyze, and evaluate information; create  
7 messages; and act using a variety of forms of communication; and  
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9 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve  
10 should be educated in media literacy to obtain the skills and  
11 experiences needed to become full participants in the digital  
12 world, including instruction in understanding how media shapes  
13 perceptions; and  
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15 WHEREAS, students use technology to play, learn, and  
16 communicate at school and home, and need to learn how to use  
17 technology responsibly; and  
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19 WHEREAS, instruction in media literacy should be  
20 incorporated into every classroom and every curriculum content  
21 area to prepare students to live and work in a digital world;  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
26 Department of Education is requested to convene an advisory  
27 committee to make recommendations to develop and implement a  
28 plan to teach digital citizenship and media literacy in grades  
29 K-12 in public schools, including charter schools and Hawaiian  
30 language immersion schools; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the advisory  
33 committee include:



- (1) Experts in media literacy, digital citizenship, and internet safety, including but not limited to academic experts and non-profit organizations; and
- (2) Other stakeholders, such as teachers, librarians, parent organizations, students, educators, and administrators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, by December 31, 2020, the advisory committee is requested to make recommendations to the Department of Education on the following:

- (1) Best practices, resources, and models for grade-appropriate instruction in media literacy, digital citizenship, and internet safety;
- (2) Strategies that will support the Department of Education with the implementation of the best practices identified by the advisory committee, including strategies for delivering professional development to educators and administrators; and
- (3) Any other matters deemed relevant by the advisory committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chair of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

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