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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE MEDIA LITERACY AND
PROMOTE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the term "media literacy" encompasses the ability
2 to analyze, evaluate, access, and create media; and

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4 WHEREAS, the modern digital world influences media content
5 of news on current events, thereby shaping the public's
6 perception of reality; and

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

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13 WHEREAS, the term "digital citizenship" encompasses media
14 literacy and matters of online safety and responsibility, and is
15 marked by five competencies: inclusive, informed, engaged,
16 balanced, and alert; and

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18 WHEREAS, media literacy and digital citizenship are
19 critical topics for education as students across the country
20 increasingly rely on digital devices due in large part to the
21 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the resulting
22 forced transition to digital learning; and

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24 WHEREAS, students use technology to play, learn, and
25 communicate at school and home, and need to learn how to use
26 technology responsibly and to make sound judgments when
27 navigating the digital world; and

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29 WHEREAS, across the nation, state legislators are taking
30 steps to ensure that students have the media literacy and
31 digital citizenship skills that enable them to take full
32 advantage of online learning opportunities; and

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1 WHEREAS, Utah, for example, requires schools to provide
2 education and awareness on safe technology use and digital
3 citizenship; and
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5 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve
6 should be educated in media literacy and digital citizenship to
7 obtain the skills and experiences needed to become full
8 participants in the digital world; and
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10 WHEREAS, instruction in media literacy and digital
11 citizenship should be incorporated into every classroom and
12 every curriculum content area to prepare students to live and
13 work in a digital world; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
17 that the Department of Education is requested to establish
18 programs and educational opportunities to increase media
19 literacy and promote digital citizenship; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
22 requested, in establishing media literacy and digital
23 citizenship programs and educational opportunities, to
24 incorporate best practices, resources, and models for grade-
25 appropriate instruction in media literacy, digital citizenship,
26 and internet safety; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.
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