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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE MEDIA LITERACY
INTO THE EXISTING STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

1 WHEREAS, the modern digital landscape has influenced access
2 and exposure to various media reporting on current events,
3 thereby shaping the public's perception of reality; and
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5 WHEREAS, media literacy is a critical skill that allows
6 people to access, analyze, and evaluate information; create
7 messages; and communicate using a variety of forms; and
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9 WHEREAS, the responsible use of technology is an
10 increasingly vital skill in modern times - one that children
11 should be taught from a young age; and
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13 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve
14 should be educated in media literacy to achieve the skills and
15 experiences needed to become full participants in the digital
16 world, including preparation in understanding how media shapes
17 perceptions; and
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19 WHEREAS, equipping teachers with policies, training, and
20 tools for media literacy will help them better instruct their
21 students on how to safely and responsibly access digital media;
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24 WHEREAS, in 2018, the State of California enacted Senate
25 Bill No. 830, which would ensure young adults are prepared with
26 media literacy skills necessary to safely, responsibly, and
27 critically consume and use social media and other forms of media
28 by requiring the California Department of Education to make
29 available to school districts on its website a list of resources
30 and instructional materials on media literacy, including media
31 literacy professional development programs for teachers; and



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1 WHEREAS, in 2019, the State of Colorado enacted HB 19-1110,
2 which created a Media Literacy Advisory Committee responsible
3 for reporting to the education committees of the Colorado State
4 Senate and House of Representatives recommendations for
5 implementing media literacy in elementary and secondary
6 education; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2021, Colorado took into consideration several
9 of the recommendations made by the Media Literacy Advisory
10 Committee and enacted HB 21-1103, which:

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12 (1) Requires the Colorado Department of Education to
13 create and maintain an online resource bank of
14 materials and resources pertaining to media literacy
15 and provide technical assistance, upon request, to a
16 school district, charter school, institute charter
17 school, or board of cooperative services, with
18 implementing policies and procedures, best practices,
19 and recommendations related to media literacy; and

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21 (2) Requires the Colorado Board of Education to review and
22 adopt revisions that implement media literacy within
23 reading, writing, and civics standards; and

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25 WHEREAS, preparing students to use technology in a
26 responsible manner will encourage them to become well-informed
27 and productive digital citizens; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Education is urged to incorporate media literacy into the
33 existing state public school curriculum; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
36 requested to consider incorporating media literacy instruction
37 into an English or Social Studies course; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
40 urged to review the Media Literacy Advisory Committee Report
41 submitted to the House and Senate Education Committees of the
42 Colorado General Assembly in December 2019 and consider

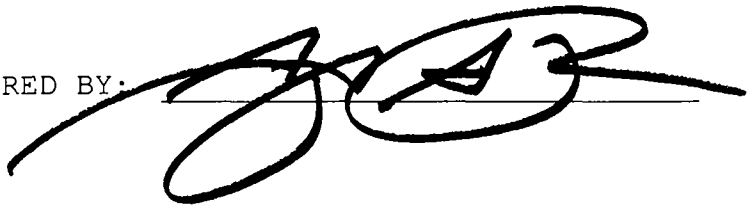


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1 legislation similar to that passed in California and Colorado to
2 promote media literacy by incorporating media literacy into the
3 existing state public school curriculum; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
7 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
8 Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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