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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE "PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARY CONTROLLED APPLICATIONS ACT" TO DIVEST OWNERSHIP OF TIKTOK OR BE SUBJECT TO A NATIONWIDE BAN.

1 WHEREAS, the popular video-sharing platform, TikTok, boasts  
2 one hundred seventy million United States users, including forty  
3 per cent of the nation's mobile internet users; and  
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5 WHEREAS, TikTok poses serious national security concerns  
6 due to its ties with the Chinese Communist Party; and  
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8 WHEREAS, TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, is  
9 headquartered in Beijing, China, and under Chinese law,  
10 companies operating in China are compelled to share their data  
11 with the government upon request; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Director of the United States Federal Bureau  
14 of Investigation has warned that the Chinese Communist Party  
15 could harness the application to influence American users or  
16 control or otherwise compromise software on millions of  
17 electronic devices; and  
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19 WHEREAS, ByteDance has refused to cease the flow of data to  
20 the Chinese government despite requests from the United States  
21 Committee on Foreign Investment to do so; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Chinese Communist Party may use the United  
24 States citizens' user information for intelligence gathering,  
25 intellectual property theft, and other illicit purposes; and  
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27 WHEREAS, TikTok has developed a powerful algorithm which  
28 personalizes the videos shown to users based on their  
29 interactions with content, creating a feed that is addictive to  
30 the point of being dubbed 'digital fentanyl'; and



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WHEREAS, because the vast majority of TikTok users are young adults between eighteen and thirty-four years old, the privacy of an emerging generation is under threat; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to ban TikTok from operating in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, H.R.7521, would force ByteDance to divest ownership of the app or be subject to a nationwide ban; and

WHEREAS, the Energy and Commerce Congressional Committee recently issued a unanimous 50-0 vote to approve H.R.7521 and bring it to the House floor for a vote; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the United States Congress is urged to pass H.R.7521 to protect the nation's cybersecurity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:



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