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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE A  
YOUTH DIGITAL SAFETY AND PLATFORM ACCOUNTABILITY WORKING  
GROUP TO EXAMINE TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED ABUSE IN THE STATE  
AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATORY SAFEGUARDS.

1           WHEREAS, digital technologies and connected devices have  
2 become integral to most aspects of daily life, including  
3 transportation, education, and personal safety; and  
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5           WHEREAS, emerging forms of technology-facilitated abuse,  
6 including the use of tracking applications, location-sharing  
7 tools, spyware, stalking software, and connected devices, are  
8 increasingly used to harass, monitor, and control individuals,  
9 particularly women, girls, and survivors of domestic and  
10 gender-based violence; and  
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12           WHEREAS, nonconsensual distribution of intimate images,  
13 deepfake technologies, and artificial intelligence-generated  
14 content have created new avenues for exploitation and coercion  
15 that outpace existing legal frameworks; and  
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17           WHEREAS, youth and young adults are disproportionately  
18 affected by online harassment, cyberstalking, and digital  
19 coercion, yet often lack access to clear reporting pathways,  
20 culturally competent support services, and consistent  
21 protections across digital platforms; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the State's geographic isolation and reliance on  
24 digital connectivity for education, employment, and community  
25 engagement heighten the importance of safe and secure digital  
26 environments for residents across all islands; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the State has a compelling interest in preventing  
29 gender-based violence, protecting privacy and civil liberties,  
30 and ensuring that emerging technologies are developed and  
31 deployed in ways that uphold safety, dignity, and equity; and



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2 WHEREAS, addressing technology-facilitated abuse requires  
3 coordinated action across state agencies, the private sector,  
4 survivor service providers, and youth leaders; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of the  
9 Attorney General is requested to convene a Youth Digital Safety  
10 and Platform Accountability Working Group to examine  
11 technology-facilitated abuse in the State and develop  
12 recommendations for regulatory safeguards; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
15 to include:  
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- 17 (1) The Attorney General or their designee, who shall  
18 serve as chair of the working group;  
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- 20 (2) The Director of Human Services or their designee;  
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- 22 (3) The Executive Director of the Office of Wellness and  
23 Resilience or their designee;  
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- 25 (4) The Executive Director of the State Commission on the  
26 Status of Women or their designee;  
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- 28 (5) The Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of  
29 Honolulu or their designee;  
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- 31 (6) A representative from the Hawaii State Youth  
32 Commission, to be invited by the chair;  
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- 34 (7) A representative from the Youth Commission of the City  
35 and County of Honolulu, to be invited by the chair;  
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- 37 (8) A representative from the Domestic Violence Action  
38 Center, to be invited by the chair;  
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- 40 (9) A representative from the Sex Abuse Treatment Center,  
41 to be invited by the chair;  
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- 1 (10) A representative from Imua Alliance, to be invited by  
2 the chair; and  
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4 (11) A representative from the Hawaii Public Health  
5 Institute, to be invited by the chair; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
8 to:  
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- 10 (1) Assess the prevalence and forms of technology-  
11 facilitated abuse in the State, including stalking  
12 through location-tracking tools, coercive control  
13 through connected devices, and image-based sexual  
14 abuse;  
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16 (2) Review existing federal and state laws addressing  
17 cyberstalking, harassment, privacy, and image-based  
18 abuse, and identify gaps in legal protections;  
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20 (3) Evaluate the policies and practices of digital  
21 platforms and technology companies regarding user  
22 safety, reporting mechanisms, and response to abuse;  
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24 (4) Identify best practices from other states and  
25 jurisdictions for regulating harmful technologies and  
26 strengthening survivor protections;  
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28 (5) Examine the impact of emerging technologies, including  
29 artificial intelligence, on gender-based violence and  
30 youth safety;  
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32 (6) Consider opportunities for public-private partnerships  
33 to enhance accountability and user safety; and  
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35 (7) Recommend legislative and policy interventions to  
36 prevent technology-facilitated abuse, strengthen  
37 enforcement, and improve survivor services; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
40 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
41 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later



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1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
2 of 2027; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,  
6 Director of Human Services, Executive Director of the Office of  
7 Wellness and Resilience, Executive Director of the State  
8 Commission on the Status of Women, and Prosecuting Attorney of  
9 the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:

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