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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

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DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
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A G E N D A

Conversational AI Chatbots is an AI technology increasing in popularity where users can communicate with AI simulating human conversation. There have been reported cases of adults and minors using AI chatbots for companionship and mental health advice, which can result in the Chatbot encouraging self-harm and isolation. This briefing will provide an overview of the effects of Conversational AI Chatbots on children and what measures can be taken to protect users from the influence of Chatbots. Presentations will be delivered by the organizations listed below, followed by a Q&A. Attached is a real transcript of a character.ai chatbot conversation with an anonymous 12-year-old.

1. Educational Technologist – Justin Lai
2. Department of Education – Heidi Armstrong, Deputy Superintendent of Academics
3. Governor's Office of Wellness and Resilience – Dr. Trina Orimoto, Deputy Director
4. Department of the Attorney General – Chelsea Okamoto, Deputy Attorney General
5. Q&A

Briefing Materials

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
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