
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERNET.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that our increasingly
2 wired world puts our youth at greater risk for suspicious and
3 dangerous activity on the Internet, such as cyber harassment,
4 sexual solicitations, and chatting with strangers online. The
5 rapidly growing number of learning and recreational activities
6 on the Internet necessitates a greater role for administrators,
7 teachers, support staff, and parents in ensuring that online
8 predators and identity thieves do not prey on our youth.

9 In the State of Michigan, over 150 internet predators
10 seeking to harm Michigan children have been arrested since 2003.
11 In September of 2007, Michigan's attorney general unveiled the
12 nation's most comprehensive internet predator education program
13 for school children. Among other things, the Michigan cyber
14 safety initiative provides students with age-appropriate
15 handouts and an online safety contract to discuss with parents
16 or guardians.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year Hawaii
18 cyber safety pilot program, to combat the problem of internet



1 predators by educating students, teachers, and parents about how
2 to avoid online dangers.

3 SECTION 2. The department of the attorney general shall
4 develop and administer a three-year Hawaii cyber safety
5 initiative pilot program with customized presentations for
6 kindergarten through eighth grade students and community
7 seminars. A major focus of the program shall be programming
8 designed to protect kindergarten through third grade students.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
12 implement the pilot program; provided that no funds appropriated
13 in this section shall be released unless matched, dollar-for-
14 dollar, by private funds. Private funds may be solicited from
15 internet service providers or other corporations in supporting
16 cyber safety.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Cyber Safety Initiative; Internet Predator Education Program;
School Children; Attorney General

Description:

Creates a cyber safety pilot project in the department of the attorney general aimed to protect school children by educating students, teachers, and parents about how to avoid dangers on the Internet. (HB2028 HD1)

