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HB 2028 RELATING TO THE INTERNET

The Hawaii State Public Library System is in support of HB 2028 which would create a cyber safety pilot project aimed at online safety for school children. We firmly believe in the importance of educating and informing children and their families about how to avoid dangers on the Internet. Increasing knowledge, skills, and awareness at the user level will prepare children to deal appropriately with online dangers they may encounter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2028

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2008

Committee: House Judiciary

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: H.B. 2028, Relating to the Internet

Purpose: 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.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of this bill and requests that the curriculum be planned and implemented collaboratively with the attorney general's office. The Department currently has a K-12 Internet Safety curriculum through a partnership with I-SAFE Inc. Collaborative planning will encourage leverage of existing resources and strengthen the partnerships between the parties involved providing up-to-date information and standards-based materials for student safety, achievement, and welfare. However, we defer to the Department of Attorney General, the identified expending agency, as to their funding priority for this program.