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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS, TO EXAMINE LOCAL AND NATIONAL MODELS OF BEST
PRACTICES FOR THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS AND
RECOMMEND ANY NEW GUIDELINES TO INCREASE INTERNET ACCESS TO
ALLOW THE RESPONSIBLE AND POSITIVE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL
MEDIA IN THE CLASSROOM, WHILE ENSURING NECESSARY
PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT ABUSE.

1 WHEREAS, the Internet now makes access to and transmission
2 of information instantaneous; and
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4 WHEREAS, internet access for students enhances educational
5 and research activities, provides a conduit for transmission and
6 sharing of information, provides access to appropriate national
7 and international resources, and assists in developing the
8 literacy skills necessary in a technology-rich society; and
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10 WHEREAS, teachers and students no longer have to rely on
11 publications and information that may be several years old; and
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13 WHEREAS, communication between and among people and
14 organizations can enhance the learning and teaching process, as
15 well as the political process, as exhibited by the Hawaii State
16 Senate's Education week which demonstrated that the use of
17 social media allows for the creation of a virtual civics
18 classroom where lawmakers can work with students to make a
19 difference; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has a fairly detailed
22 policy on internet use for employees and students that attempts
23 to balance the free flow of information and ideas with the
24 potential for abuse; and
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26 WHEREAS, in addition to implementing existing internet use
27 policies, as the role of the Internet and social media in



1 education is expected to grow, this body finds a need to
2 proactively determine and implement best practices to take
3 advantage of new technologies in a responsible and appropriate
4 manner; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
9 and Department of Education, in consultation with the Hawaii
10 Association of Independent Schools, are requested to examine
11 local and national models of best practices for technology use
12 in schools, and recommend any new guidelines to increase
13 internet access to allow the responsible and positive
14 integration of social media in the classroom, while ensuring
15 necessary protections to prevent abuse; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
18 Department of Education report their findings and
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and House Committee
21 on Education no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
22 the Regular Session of 2013; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President,
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson of the
27 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and the
28 Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent
29 Schools.
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