

SR116

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS TO REVIEW THE EXISTING RESEARCH

Measure Title: ON THE IMPACT OF SCREEN TIME AND MEDIA
CONSUMPTION ON CHILDREN'S AND
ADOLESCENTS' PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, AND
EMOTIONAL HEALTH.

Report Title: Screen Time and Media Consumption; Children's
and Adolescents' Health; DOH; DCCA

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

**Current
Referral:** CPH/HMS

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

To the Honorable Josh Green, Chair; the Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR156 / SR 116** relating to the impact of screen time and media consumption on children's and adolescents' physical, cognitive, and emotional health.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SCR156 / SR 116** and support its passage.

SCR156 / SR 116 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests the Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to review the existing research on the impact of screen time and media consumption on children's and adolescents' physical, cognitive, and emotional health, as well as policies other states and countries have implemented to address this issue; and the review shall include: (1) the key points from existing research, including which effects linked to screens are most concerning, as well as the overall assessment of the importance and urgency of this issue; (2) a list of policies other states and countries have instituted, including but not limited to public health campaigns, mandatory classes for parents and children, and counseling, and an assessment of their appropriateness for Hawaii, as well as any novel policy ideas; (3) plans for future Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Affairs action to address this issue; and (4) an explanation of the division of responsibility between the Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs regarding this issue.

The DPH Platform states that: "We believe in a government that will adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, ethically and fairly administer to the needs of the people." (Platform of DPH, P.5, Line 245-246 (2016)).

We support community health initiatives that provide opportunities for the overall health of communities through strategic projects and programs focusing on increased interaction and physical activities among all age groups, as well as on better nutrition. (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 378-380 (2016)).

Given that **SCR156 / SR 116** requests the Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to review the existing research on the impact of screen time and media consumption on children's and adolescents' physical, cognitive, and emotional health, as well as policies other states and countries have implemented to address this issue; and the review shall include: (1) the key points from existing research, including which effects linked to screens are most concerning, as well as the overall assessment of the importance and urgency of this issue; (2) a list of policies other states and countries have instituted, including but not limited to public health campaigns, mandatory classes for parents and children, and counseling, and an assessment of their appropriateness for Hawaii, as well as any novel policy ideas; (3) plans for future Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Affairs action to address this issue; and (4) an explanation of the division of responsibility between the Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs regarding this issue, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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