
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PROCUREMENT OF WIFI AND INTERNET SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Internet is full
2 of pornographic content. A simple web search leads to a
3 plethora of results to both free and paid pornographic websites.
4 While non-violent pornography exists, it is not the norm.
5 Pornography often involves women or children being coerced or
6 treated brutally during sexual intercourse. Both psychological
7 and sociological theories suggest that violence is the result of
8 learned behavior, and frequent viewing of materials depicting
9 sexual violence against women or children could in fact lead
10 some to believe this behavior is acceptable, thereby
11 perpetuating the violence.

12 The legislature also finds that the Children's Internet
13 Protection Act requires all public schools and libraries that
14 provide internet access and receive federal funds to use
15 filters, which restrict access to pornographic content.
16 However, technological advances now allow people to access the
17 Internet via wireless networking technology, such as wifi, on



1 their personal portable devices. Consequently, state facilities
2 that provide free wireless networking technology are also
3 providing unfettered access to pornography at taxpayers'
4 expense.

5 The legislature further finds that the State has a
6 legitimate interest in protecting children and preserving its
7 family-friendly tourist reputation by ensuring children are not
8 exposed to others nearby who are watching pornography in a state
9 public office or other public facility. The State also has an
10 interest in ensuring that state resources are not being utilized
11 to obtain pornography. By requiring that all state offices and
12 public facilities have internet computer and wireless access
13 filters, the State is not interfering with free speech. The
14 State is simply ensuring that when the State is a customer and
15 purchasing internet access or providing state resources for
16 internet access, that it is not providing access to pornography.

17 The purpose of this Act is to require that all state
18 offices and public facilities have internet computer and
19 wireless access filters to restrict access to pornography sites.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§27- Internet filters. (a) All state offices and
5 public facilities, except those of the department of the
6 attorney general and where exceptions are consistent with the
7 state office's or public facility's written internet policy,
8 shall have internet computer and wireless access filters that
9 restrict access to sites that provide pornographic images,
10 depictions, or materials; provided that this section shall not
11 apply to state-owned living quarters, including public housing
12 and dormitories; provided further that the department of the
13 attorney general may approve an exemption from this section for
14 good cause shown.

15 (b) All state agencies, except the department of the
16 attorney general, shall add provisions to its state procurement
17 contracts to require vendors and suppliers of
18 telecommunications, internet, broadband, and data communication
19 services to provide filters that restrict access to sites that
20 provide pornographic images, depictions, or materials.



1 (c) For purposes of this section, "pornographic" shall
2 have the same meaning as in section 712-1210."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Internet; State Facilities; Pornography; Filters

Description:

Requires all state and state funded facilities, with certain exceptions, to have internet computer and wireless access filters to restrict access to pornography sites. Exempts state-owned housing and dormitories. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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