
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 of
2 today is full of pornographic content. A simple web search
3 leads to a plethora of results to both free and paid 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 perpetuating
11 the violence.

12 The Children's Internet Protection Act requires all public
13 schools and libraries receiving federal funds and providing
14 internet access to use filters that restrict people from
15 accessing pornography at those sites. Technological advances
16 now allow people to access the internet via WiFi on their
17 personal portable devices. Consequently, state facilities that



1 provide free WiFi are also providing unfettered access to
2 pornography at taxpayer expense.

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

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

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



1 "§27- Internet filters. (a) All state offices and
2 public facilities, except those of the department of the
3 attorney general, shall have internet computer and wireless
4 access filters that restrict access to sites that provide
5 pornographic images, depictions, or materials; provided that
6 this section shall not apply to state-owned living quarters
7 including public housing and dormitories.

8 (b) All state agencies, except the department of the
9 attorney general, shall add provisions to state procurement
10 contracts that require vendors and suppliers of
11 telecommunications, internet, broadband, and data communication
12 services to provide filters that restrict access to sites that
13 provide pornographic images, depictions, or materials.

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

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Internet; State Facilities; Filters

Description:

Requires that all state and state funded facilities have internet computer and wireless access filters to restrict access to pornography sites. Exempts state-owned housing and dormitories. (SD1)

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