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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO TEACH DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY IN GRADES K-12 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the modern digital world influences media content  
2 of news on current events, thereby shaping the public's  
3 perception of reality; and  
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5 WHEREAS, media literacy is necessary skill that allows all  
6 citizens to access, analyze, and evaluate information; create  
7 messages; and act using a variety of forms of communication; and  
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9 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve  
10 should be educated in media literacy to obtain the skills and  
11 experiences needed to become full participants in the digital  
12 world, including instruction in understanding how media shapes  
13 perceptions; and  
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15 WHEREAS, students use technology to play, learn, and  
16 communicate at school and home, and need to learn how to use  
17 technology responsibly; and  
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19 WHEREAS, instruction in media literacy should be  
20 incorporated into every classroom and every curriculum content  
21 area to prepare students to live and work in a digital world;  
22 now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
26 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is  
27 requested to convene an advisory committee to make  
28 recommendations to develop and implement a plan to teach digital  
29 citizenship and media literacy in grades K-12 in public schools,



1 including charter schools and Hawaiian language immersion  
2 schools; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the advisory  
5 committee include:

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7 (1) Experts in media literacy, digital citizenship, and  
8 internet safety, including but not limited to academic  
9 experts and non-profit organizations; and

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11 (2) Other stakeholders, such as teachers, librarians,  
12 parent organizations, students, educators, and  
13 administrators; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, by December 31, 2020, the  
16 advisory committee is requested to make recommendations to the  
17 Department of Education on the following:

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19 (1) Best practices, resources, and models for grade-  
20 appropriate instruction in media literacy, digital  
21 citizenship, and internet safety;

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23 (2) Strategies that will support the Department of  
24 Education with the implementation of the best  
25 practices identified by the advisory committee,  
26 including strategies for delivering professional  
27 development to educators and administrators; and

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29 (3) Any other matters deemed relevant by the advisory  
30 committee; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chair of  
34 the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

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