
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE MEDIA LITERACY
INTO THE EXISTING STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

1 WHEREAS, the modern digital landscape has influenced access
2 and exposure to various media reporting on current events,
3 thereby shaping the public's perception of reality; and
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5 WHEREAS, media literacy is a critical skill that allows
6 people to access, analyze, and evaluate information; create
7 messages; and communicate using a variety of forms; and
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9 WHEREAS, the responsible use of technology is an
10 increasingly vital skill in modern times that children should be
11 taught from a young age; and
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13 WHEREAS, students from kindergarten through grade twelve
14 should be educated in media literacy to achieve the skills and
15 experiences needed to become full participants in the digital
16 world, including preparation in understanding how media shapes
17 perceptions; and
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19 WHEREAS, equipping teachers with policies, training, and
20 tools for media literacy will help them better instruct their
21 students on how to safely and responsibly access digital media;
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24 WHEREAS, in 2018, the State of California enacted Senate
25 Bill No. 830, which would ensure young adults are prepared with
26 media literacy skills necessary to safely, responsibly, and
27 critically consume and use social media and other forms of media
28 by requiring the California Department of Education to make
29 available to school districts on its website a list of resources
30 and instructional materials on media literacy, including media
31 literacy professional development programs for teachers; and



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2 WHEREAS, in 2019, the State of Colorado enacted HB 19-1110,
3 which created a Media Literacy Advisory Committee responsible
4 for reporting to the education committees of the Colorado State
5 Senate and House of Representatives recommendations for
6 implementing media literacy in elementary and secondary
7 education; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2021, Colorado took into consideration several
10 of the recommendations made by the Media Literacy Advisory
11 Committee and enacted HB 21-1103, which:

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13 (1) Requires the Colorado Department of Education to
14 create and maintain an online resource bank of
15 materials and resources pertaining to media literacy
16 and provide technical assistance, upon request, to a
17 school district, charter school, institute charter
18 school, or board of cooperative services, with
19 implementing policies and procedures, best practices,
20 and recommendations related to media literacy; and
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22 (2) Requires the Colorado Board of Education to review and
23 adopt revisions that implement media literacy within
24 reading, writing, and civics standards; and
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26 WHEREAS, preparing students to use technology in a
27 responsible manner will encourage them to become well-informed
28 and productive digital citizens; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
33 is urged to incorporate media literacy into the existing state
34 public school curriculum; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
37 requested to consider incorporating media literacy instruction
38 into an English or Social Studies course; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
41 urged to review the Media Literacy Advisory Committee Report
42 submitted to the House and Senate Education Committees of the



1 Colorado General Assembly in December 2019 and consider
2 legislation similar to that passed in California and Colorado to
3 promote media literacy by incorporating media literacy into the
4 existing state public school curriculum; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
8 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Interim
9 Superintendent of Education.
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