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Department: Education

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Title of Resolution: HCR 0053 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE MEDIA LITERACY AND PROMOTE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HCR 53.

The Department recognizes it is imperative for all students to be educated in media literacy and digital citizenship to prepare them with the skills and knowledge to successfully navigate the digital world.

The Department has collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to create a strategic multi-year computer science action plan focused on advancing innovative outcomes and learning experiences for all students. This action plan includes the delivery of high-quality standards-based computer science instruction and learning opportunities for all grade levels. The K-12 computer science standards consists of five (5) core concepts that include media literacy and digital citizenship-related topics (such as internet safety, digital footprint, news and media literacy, and cyberbullying).

In alignment with Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, and Act 158, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, each of the Department's fifteen (15) complex area computer science teams are developing their respective implementation plans that define learning pathways for students to develop foundational computer science skills at the elementary level and scaffold them into progressively more advanced learning opportunities at the

middle and high school levels. In addition to core computer science courses, the Department is collaborating with other curriculum content areas to create “integrated computer science” learning experiences that incorporate media literacy and digital citizenship concepts.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.