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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 0218 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE MEDIA LITERACY INTO THE EXISTING STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 0218.

The Department recognizes it is imperative for all students to be educated in media literacy 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 consist of five (5) core concepts which include news and media literacy-related topics that prepare students to be well-informed and productive digital citizens.

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. Media literacy learning opportunities are embedded in the learning pathways for Grades K-12 computer science. In addition to the core computer science courses, the Department is collaborating with other curriculum

content areas (including English Language Arts and Social Studies) to create “integrated computer science” learning experiences that incorporate media literacy concepts.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 0218.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Molina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim and members of the committee,

I am a 10th and 11th grade social studies teacher at Waimea High School on the island of Kauai. In my career as both a middle school and high school teacher I have crafted and taught units on Media Literacy to my students. Although this is not an explicit social studies standard, I feel this is one of the most important and relevant skills we can teach students in our current age of information saturation. Although the students I teach understand the algorithms of social media and the inner workings of the internet they are still very susceptible to misinformation spread through strong internet personalities and influencers. I believe very strongly that media literacy should be taught at elementary, middle, and high school levels to help our students be prepared to fact check information and make truly informed decisions when they enter adulthood. So much of our society is swayed by false information, and I feel it must be part of the responsibilities of our education system to teach students skills that will help them distinguish fact from fiction. This concern is one shared by my fellow social studies teachers at Waimea High School, and we have had many conversations about how we can reinforce and further this knowledge through our social studies classes in each grade level.

I strongly believe teaching these important skills needs to move beyond individual teacher initiative and become a directive of the state, so we can assure all students throughout Hawaii are receiving quality instruction in this important skill.

Mahalo,

Michelle Molina

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Right Now the Media only puts out Fake News and a lot of Bull Shit. Anyone that pushes this is a Crooked Teacher with other motives in mind. Politics is for the ones that are 18 and above!!

Keep this out of the schools!!