

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

582

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16

, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 79
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 79 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow school complex areas to incorporate media literacy into standards-based curriculum.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Youth Commission, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Computer & Communications Industry Association, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that disinformation, misinformation, digital discrimination, and online hate speech are pervasive threats to modern society. Additionally, disinformation and online hate speech have been linked to outbursts of violence in the real world. This measure advances informed digital citizenship in Hawaii's public education system by empowering school complex areas to incorporate media literacy into standards-based curriculum as appropriate, including content that prevents



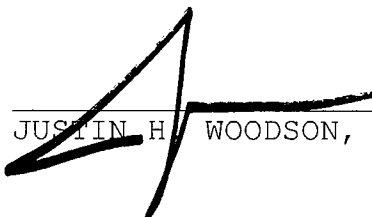
the negative impacts of misinformation, disinformation, digital discrimination, and online hate speech.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing language that requires standards-based curriculum to be implemented in all appropriate classrooms in the school or complex;
- (2) Repealing language that requires school complexes to provide professional development;
- (3) Repealing language that requires school complexes that develop a standards-based curriculum to use standards-based formative assessment tools to monitor student progress, not less than on a quarterly basis throughout the school year;
- (4) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 79, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 79, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB79	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2/14/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	/			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	/			
6. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
7. QUINLAN, Sean				/
8. TODD, Chris	/			
9. GARCIA, Diamond				/
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Diana Mateo				
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