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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO AMEND ITS TECHNOLOGY MONITORING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE MONITORING THAT BLOCKS STUDENTS FROM RECEIVING INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGES AND ACCESSING HARMFUL MATERIAL.

1 WHEREAS, in July 2016, the Department of Education issued
2 the most recent "Technology Responsible Use Guidelines (for
3 digital devices, network, and internet services owned and leased
4 by the Hawaii State Department of Education for its students)";
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7 WHEREAS, the guidelines section entitled "Monitoring for
8 student safety" is almost completely unrelated to the safety of
9 the students being monitored and states:

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11 Monitoring for student safety

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13 Devices and accounts accessing HIDOE Internet and
14 Networks are the property of HIDOE. HIDOE monitors
15 and reserves the right to monitor all such devices,
16 networks, and internet activities by students.
17 Students shall have no expectation of privacy in their
18 use of HIDOE-owned digital devices, network, and
19 internet services, including email and stored files.
20 HIDOE at its discretion will alert appropriate law
21 enforcement authorities of suspected illegal activity
22 involving the use of the digital devices and network
23 and internet services, and it is not required to
24 obtain student or parent consent for such reporting.
25 HIDOE reserves the right to review and remove any
26 student's files and records used on HIDOE devices and
27 accounts to maintain the integrity of the network, to
28 repair a HIDOE digital device, investigate a violation
29 of these guidelines, and to ensure that the digital
30 device is being used responsibly.

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1 WHEREAS, it appears that the intent of the "Monitoring for
2 student safety" and the guidelines is to protect the department
3 from liability and prevent harm to the network and equipment;
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6 WHEREAS, the guidelines do not contain any monitoring
7 provisions for the protection of students, especially at-risk
8 and other youth vulnerable to neglect, abuse, violence,
9 substance abuse, suicide, sex trafficking, and other sexual
10 exploitation; and
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12 WHEREAS, students, including special needs students, using
13 social media, Google Classroom, and email have received
14 inappropriate messages through their school accounts and
15 department devices; and
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17 WHEREAS, forty-six percent of teens ages thirteen to
18 seventeen have been victims of cyberbullying; and
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20 WHEREAS, in the United States, nearly forty percent of sex
21 trafficking victims are recruited online through employment
22 portals and social networking websites; and
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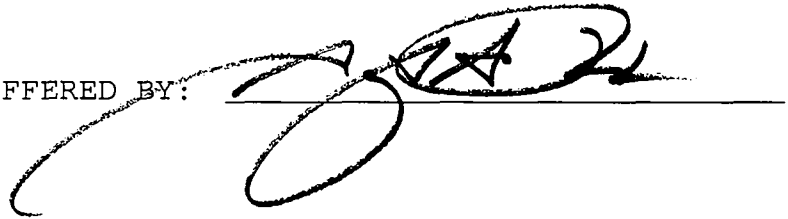
24 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's technology
25 guidelines should include monitoring that protects students,
26 with an emphasis on protecting at-risk, special needs, and other
27 vulnerable students, by preventing inappropriate messages that
28 harm students and intervening when students encounter
29 information that could lead to harm; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
33 that the Department of Education is requested to amend its
34 technology monitoring policies and guidelines to include
35 monitoring that blocks students from receiving inappropriate
36 messages and accessing harmful material; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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