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Thurmond’s Resolution to Expand Technology for Students and Teachers Passes Committee

SACRAMENTO – ACR 268, authored by Assemblymember Tony Thurmond (D-Richmond), calls for a renewed statewide focus on resources and support for technology in K-12 education. The resolution passed out of the Assembly Education Committee with unanimous and bipartisan support.

“In this ever-changing world, it is vitally important that all California students have equitable access to technology in their instruction,” Thurmond said. “With changes in state and federal funding, many districts can no longer make robust investments in education technology resources and support. As a result, students, especially those most vulnerable, risk falling significantly behind their peers and entering college or the workforce underprepared.”

State and federal funding for education technology was consolidated after 25 years, resulting in the elimination of most support for educational technology. Without a state policy and funding focus, many districts do not have equal access to the resources needed to effectively implement technology in classrooms. This resolution supports educators in integrating technology into state adopted curriculum on media literacy, digital literacy, and career technical preparation.

The resolution proposes a state level summit conference to bring together teachers, school administrators, county offices of education, professional education associations, and others to discuss legislative and funding priorities. ACR 268 also urges the Legislature and Governor to prioritize education technology and support all California students with state of the art resources, connectivity, and support in order to optimize instruction for all students.

ACR 268 is supported by Computer Using Educators (CUE), California Emerging Technology Fund, Napa County Office of Education, and Media Alliance.

Assemblymember Tony Thurmond represents the 15th Assembly District, comprised of the cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Hercules, Kensington, Piedmont, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Tara Hills, and a portion of Oakland.

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