

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
 2 Committee

3 Representative Spano offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

7 That the State of Florida recognizes the public health risk
 8 created by pornography and acknowledges the need for education,
 9 prevention, research, and policy change to protect the citizens
 10 of this state.

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Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:

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House Resolution

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16 A resolution recognizing the public health risk
17 created by pornography.

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19 WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health risk and
20 contributing to the hypersexualization of children and teens,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent exposure to pornography, to
23 educate individuals and families concerning pornography's
24 potential harmful effects, and to develop pornography recovery
25 programs should be systematic, and

26 WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the widespread
27 availability of the Internet, children are exposed to
28 pornography at an alarming rate and it can serve as their main
29 source of education regarding human sexuality, and

30 WHEREAS, twenty-seven percent of young adults between the
31 ages of 25 and 30 report that they first viewed pornography
32 before the onset of puberty, and

33 WHEREAS, pornography depicts children and young people in a
34 hypersexualized manner and a child who views such images is at a
35 higher risk of developing low self-esteem, an eating disorder,
36 and a desire to engage in dangerous sexual behavior, and

37 WHEREAS, pornography objectifies women, normalizes violence
38 and the abuse of women and children, depicts rape and abuse as
39 harmless, and is related to the increased demand for sex
40 trafficking, prostitution, and child pornography, and

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41 WHEREAS, pornography has potential detrimental effects on
42 the user, and research has found correlations between
43 pornography use and mental and physical illnesses; difficulty
44 forming or maintaining intimate relationships; unhealthy brain
45 development and cognitive function; and deviant, problematic, or
46 dangerous sexual behaviors, and

47 WHEREAS, recent research indicates that one can develop a
48 compulsive disorder in which excessive amounts of pornography
49 are consumed, resulting in the user consuming increasingly more
50 shocking material or withdrawing from daily life functions to
51 satisfy the compulsion, and

52 WHEREAS, pornography can have a detrimental effect on
53 families, including a reluctance to enter into marriage,
54 dissatisfaction in marriage, and marital infidelity, NOW,
55 THEREFORE,