

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	___	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	___	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	___	(Y/N)
OTHER	_____	

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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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13 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

14 Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:

15 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,