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Generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are increasingly being exploited to produce child sexual abuse material (CSAM), producing photorealistic images and videos of the sexual abuse of children and youth.

THE PROBLEM: AI CSAM IS A GROWING ISSUE

In 2023, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received **4,700 reports related to AI CSAM**. While reports involving AI-generated material comprised just 1% of the total reports the Center received in 2023, AI CSAM is a rapidly growing issue that presents unique harms, including:

Re-traumatization of survivors:

Perpetrators use AI to modify conventional CSAM, creating new pictures and videos that revictimize survivors.

Cost to law enforcement:

Perpetrators can use AI to create CSAM via text prompts. This AI CSAM can be so realistic that it can be difficult to differentiate between AI-generated material and that depicting real children, making it harder for law enforcement to identify real children who need assistance. In addition, because AI generators can be downloaded and used offline, these technologies help perpetrators avoid detection.

Sexual abuse and extortion of children:

Perpetrators use AI technology to alter images of actual, clothed minors, creating realistic nude images of real children. Perpetrators are increasingly leveraging AI-generated nude images to extort children for money or explicit content. Although the nude images created through these technologies may be fake, the psychological impacts to victims are very real.

DID YOU KNOW?

37 states have laws **criminalizing** AI CSAM. **Alaska is one of just 13 states that do not.**

More than half of all state laws criminalizing AI CSAM **were enacted in 2024** alone. Now is the time to take action on this emerging issue.

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THE SOLUTION: CRIMINALIZE AI CSAM IN ALASKA

There is a simple solution to protect Alaska's children and youth and hold the creators and consumers of AI CSAM accountable: **pass HB 47, which would expand Alaska's criminal laws to include the creation, possession, and distribution of obscene CSAM generated using synthetic media, including AI.**

AI-Generated CSAM in Alaska

In 2024, an Army soldier stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson was arrested and charged with distributing and possessing CSAM, including AI-generated images. Court documents allege that the solider surreptitiously took photos and videos of children, which he used to produce AI-generated CSAM.

As Representative Sarah Vance explains in her sponsor statement for the bill, **"House Bill 47 is a proactive step to adapt Alaska's legal framework to emerging technological threats, reinforcing the state's commitment to safeguarding its communities from exploitation and harm."**

Why do we use the term "child sexual abuse material"?

The term "child sexual abuse material" is preferred over the term "child pornography," as it better reflects the abuse that is depicted in these images and videos. Pornography is a term primarily used to describe material depicting adults engaged in consensual acts. Using this term in the context of CSAM implies consent and risks normalizing the exploitation of children. **Last year, Alaska updated its statutes to use the term CSAM, not child pornography.**

AI-generated CSAM images are indistinguishable from those of real children, and therefore meet the criteria for obscenity and fall outside the protections of the First Amendment.

CRIMINALIZING this emerging form of abuse will send a clear message about Alaska's commitment to child safety and help hold perpetrators accountable.

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