
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MAKE GRADES AND
HOMEWORK AVAILABLE TO PARENTS ONLINE.

1 WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that parental
2 involvement in their children's education is associated with
3 higher grades and test scores, better attendance, more homework
4 completion, more positive attitudes and behaviors, and higher
5 graduation and college attendance rates; and
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7 WHEREAS, transparency in grading and homework assignments
8 serves students, teachers, and parents as an important
9 assessment tool in identifying students' academic strengths and
10 weaknesses; and
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12 WHEREAS, currently, there are numerous online student
13 performance programs available that are secure, efficient, and
14 convenient and provide an array of services to help teachers
15 store, organize, and report student progress; and
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17 WHEREAS, for example Kalaheo High School is using one of
18 the most widely heralded programs of this type, SnapGrades at a
19 which allows a parent online access to their child's grades,
20 grade point average attendance records and other data; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DOE) has readied the
23 State's educational environment for increased learning
24 technology with the success of programs such as E-school,
25 Project EAST, and several robotics programs; and
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27 WHEREAS, online student performance systems give parents
28 access to their children's grades, homework assignments and
29 attendance records enabling parents to better support and assist
30 their children in achieving their academic goals; and
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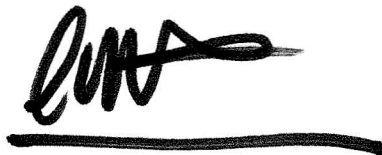


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1 WHEREAS, online student performance systems increase
 2 communication among teachers, students, and parents, encouraging
 3 parents to be more involved in their children's academic
 4 progress; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
 9 (DOE) is requested to make available an online student
 10 performance system for parents or guardians including but not
 11 limited to student grades, homework assignments and attendance
 12 records; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
 16 Schools, the Chair of the Board of Education, all PTSA's, and
 17 all School Community Based Management organizations in the State
 18 of Hawaii.
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