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## HOUSE 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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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, that the Department of Education (DOE) is requested to  
 9 make available an online student performance system for parents  
 10 or guardians including but not limited to student grades,  
 11 homework assignments and attendance records; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Schools, the  
 15 Chair of the Board of Education, all PTSA's, and all School  
 16 Community Based Management organizations in the State of Hawaii.  
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