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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND
PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics
2 Department is responsible for the operations of various student
3 sports teams, their training and performance, travel as
4 necessary, and for providing educational and mental health
5 support for their athletes; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department includes student athletes
8 as well as department support staff to coordinate domestic and
9 national events, manage operations, and provide assistance to
10 student athletes; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department receives funding through
13 private donors, the university, legislative appropriations, and
14 various sport-specific distributions for the purpose of
15 supporting department operations and programs; and

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17 WHEREAS, the effective use and management of funds and
18 resources to promote increased interest and participation in
19 collegiate sports should be a priority of the department; and

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21 WHEREAS, ensuring that existing support programs are
22 effective in encouraging student athletes' continued improvement
23 and success in both the educational and athletic sectors should
24 also be a priority of the department; and

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26 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics
27 Department does not have a master plan to address the various
28 needs of the Athletics Department; and

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30 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii does not have a clear
31 plan to address the potential of, nor implement, the Name,
32 Image, and Likeness program for the purpose of department and



1 athlete exposure, as well as development of a new source of
2 revenue; and

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4 WHEREAS, an audit conducted in Fiscal Year 2024 shows a
5 \$2,100,000 deficit between revenues and expenditures for the
6 University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department; and

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8 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics
9 Department does not have a sustainable funding plan to address
10 the deficit nor the overall needs of the department; and

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12 WHEREAS, evaluation of the department's operations, program
13 offerings, and effectiveness is necessary for the improvement
14 and efficiency of the department as a whole; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
19 Auditor is requested to conduct a financial and performance
20 audit of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department
21 to ensure that the department is operating in an effective,
22 fiscally responsible, and comprehensively supportive manner for
23 the success of the program and its student athletes; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
27 of Athletics of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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OFFERED BY: *Dawn L. ...*

