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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT'S USE  
AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS FUNDS.

1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics  
2 Department (Athletic Department) is responsible for the  
3 operations of various student sports teams, their training and  
4 performance, travel as necessary, and for providing educational  
5 and mental health 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 Athletics Department does not have a master  
27 plan to address the various needs of the Athletics Department;  
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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 purposes of department and  
33 athlete exposure or as a new source of revenue; and



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WHEREAS, an audit conducted in fiscal year 2024 shows a \$2,100,000 deficit between revenues and expenditures for the Athletics Department; and

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department does not have a sustainable funding plan to address the deficit nor the overall needs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, evaluation of the Athletics Department's use of its funds is necessary for the improvement and efficiency of the Department as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the Office of the Auditor is requested to conduct an audit of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department's use and management of its funds, including assessing:

- (1) Whether the Department's actual expenditures are consistent with its policies and procedures; and
- (2) The Department's Name, Image, and Likeness Program; and

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

