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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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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30 OFFERED BY: 

