
SENATE CONCURRENT 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 (Athletics Department) is responsible for the
3 operations of various student sports teams, the teams' training
4 and performance, travel as necessary, and 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 tasked with coordinating
9 domestic and national events, managing operations, and providing
10 assistance to student athletes; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department receives funding through
13 private donors, the University of Hawaii, legislative
14 appropriations, and various sport-specific distributions for the
15 purpose of 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 Athletics
20 Department; and
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22 WHEREAS, ensuring that existing support programs are
23 effective in encouraging student athletes' continued improvement
24 and success in both the educational and athletic sectors should
25 also be a priority of the Athletics Department; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department does not have a master
28 plan to address its various needs; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii does not have a clear
2 plan to address the potential for, nor implementation of, its
3 Name, Image, and Likeness Program for the purposes of department
4 and athlete exposure or as a new source of revenue; and
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6 WHEREAS, an audit conducted in fiscal year 2024 shows a
7 \$2,100,000 deficit between revenues and expenditures for the
8 Athletics Department; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department does not have a
11 sustainable funding plan to address the deficit nor the overall
12 needs of the Athletics Department; and
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14 WHEREAS, evaluation of the Athletics Department's use of
15 its funds is necessary for the improvement and efficiency of the
16 Athletics Department as a whole; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
21 Auditor is requested to conduct an audit of the University of
22 Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department's use and management of its
23 funds, including assessing:
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25 (1) Whether the Department's actual expenditures are
26 consistent with its policies and procedures; and
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28 (2) The Department's Name, Image, and Likeness Program;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
33 of Athletics of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

