
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 (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,



1 Image, and Likeness Program for the purposes of department and
2 athlete exposure or as a new source of 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 Athletics Department; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Athletics Department does not have a
9 sustainable funding plan to address the deficit nor the overall
10 needs of the Department; and
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12 WHEREAS, evaluation of the Athletics Department's use of
13 its funds is necessary for the improvement and efficiency of the
14 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 an audit of the University of
20 Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department's use and management of its
21 funds, including assessing:
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23 (1) Whether the Department's actual expenditures are
24 consistent with its policies and procedures; and
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26 (2) The Department's Name, Image, and Likeness Program;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
31 of Athletics of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

