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SENATE 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
33 athlete exposure, as well as development of a new source of
34 revenue; and
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1 WHEREAS, an audit conducted in Fiscal Year 2024 shows a
2 \$2,100,000 deficit between revenues and expenditures for the
3 University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department; and
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5 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics
6 Department does not have a sustainable funding plan to address
7 the deficit nor the overall needs of the department; and
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9 WHEREAS, evaluation of the department's operations, program
10 offerings, and effectiveness is necessary for the improvement
11 and efficiency of the department as a whole; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
15 that the Office of the Auditor is requested to conduct a
16 financial and performance audit of the University of Hawaii at
17 Manoa Athletics Department to ensure that the department is
18 operating in an effective, fiscally responsible, and
19 comprehensively supportive manner for the success of the program
20 and its student athletes; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director of
24 Athletics of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
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OFFERED BY: 

