
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO IMPLEMENT
A PLAYOFF SYSTEM TO DETERMINE A NATIONAL CHAMPION IN THE
FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OF COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL.

1 WHEREAS, football, a very popular sport throughout the
2 United States, is played in leagues of different size, age, and
3 quality, in all regions of the country; and
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5 WHEREAS, one of the most popular venues in which the game
6 of football is played is at the collegiate level where a
7 majority of colleges and universities field football teams; and
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9 WHEREAS, the governing body of collegiate sports is known
10 as the National Collegiate Athletic Association, more commonly
11 referred to as the NCAA; and
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13 WHEREAS, the NCAA recently reorganized its football
14 divisions, and renamed Division I-A, the highest level of
15 collegiate football as the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS); and
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17 WHEREAS, the FBS is the only NCAA-sponsored sport without
18 an organized tournament to determine a champion, relying instead
19 on a number of post-season bowl games in what is known as the
20 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) to determine a national champion;
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23 WHEREAS, the BCS is a highly lucrative system in which six
24 of the nations most powerful football conferences receive
25 automatic bids, and an additional four teams receive bids
26 through a point system; and



1 WHEREAS, the BCS point system is determined through a
2 variety of factors, most notably complex mathematical
3 computations and polls, but also includes politics and corporate
4 and television influences that rarely relate to the qualities
5 that make a football team successful on the field; and
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7 WHEREAS, smaller conferences, often referred to as "Mid-
8 majors", as well as independent football schools, are often left
9 out of the equation as they do not receive automatic bids but
10 must meet a complicated set of criteria to even be eligible to
11 play in one of the five lucrative bowl games of the BCS; and
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13 WHEREAS, although the BCS was designed with the intent of
14 identifying a true national champion at college football's
15 highest level of play, the system has been controversial and
16 often criticized, and has at times been referred to as the
17 "Mythical National Championship" since disputes often arise as
18 to who is deserving of the number one ranking; and
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20 WHEREAS, the 2007 college football season was one of the
21 most memorable to date with outstanding plays and players and a
22 number of memorable games, many of which involved major upsets;
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25 WHEREAS, the 2007 college football season also highlighted
26 the parity of modern college football, with teams from the "Mid
27 Majors" and smaller conferences and divisions playing well and
28 defeating teams from the so-called power, or BCS conferences;
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31 WHEREAS, the only way to determine an undisputed and true
32 national champion in the FBS is to have a playoff system similar
33 to those operated in the other divisions of collegiate football;
34 now, therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
37 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
38 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the NCAA is urged
39 to implement a playoff system to determine a national champion
40 in the Football Bowl Subdivision of collegiate football; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to president of the
3 National Collegiate Athletic Association.
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