
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO IMPLEMENT
A 'PLUS-ONE' MODEL 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 nation's most powerful football conferences receive
25 automatic bids, with an additional four teams receiving 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, 2008, and 2009 college football seasons
21 were some of the most memorable to date with outstanding plays
22 and players and a number of unforgettable games, many of which
23 involved major upsets; and
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25 WHEREAS, the 2007, 2008, and 2009 college football seasons
26 also highlighted the parity of modern college football, with
27 teams from the "Mid Majors" and smaller conferences and
28 divisions playing well and defeating teams from the so-called
29 power, or BCS conferences; and
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31 WHEREAS, the 2009 college football season saw the matching
32 of two-teams from the "Mid Majors" in a BCS Bowl, the first time
33 that has happened since the inception of the BCS Bowl system;
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36 WHEREAS, with five teams remaining undefeated at the end of
37 the regular season of 2009, and the potential for up to three of
38 those teams to remain undefeated after the completion of the BCS
39 Bowls, the controversy over the true national champion has only
40 been enhanced; and



1 WHEREAS, the only way to determine an undisputed and true
 2 national champion in the FBS is to have a playoff system similar
 3 to those operated in the other divisions of collegiate football;
 4 now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2010, that the NCAA is urged to implement a "Plus-One" model
 9 playoff system, which would allow a playoff between the top four
 10 ranked teams in the nation, to determine a national champion in
 11 the Football Bowl Subdivision of collegiate football; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCAA is urged to reserve at
 14 least ten percent of the seating to the first national playoff
 15 championship game for men and women who serve in the armed
 16 forces of the United States, and is further urged to provide ten
 17 percent of the proceeds of the national championship game, after
 18 expenses, to initiate or enhance a scholarship foundation for
 19 each of the schools involved in the national championship game
 20 that would provide educational scholarships to handicapped
 21 students who qualify for each university but do not have the
 22 financial ability to secure their education at that university;
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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 27 the president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association,
 28 and members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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