
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 is a very popular sport throughout the
2 United States and is played in leagues of different sizes,
3 player ages, and quality of play, in all regions of the country;
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6 WHEREAS, one of the most popular football venues is
7 collegiate level football, and a majority of colleges and
8 universities field football teams; and

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10 WHEREAS, the governing body of collegiate sports is known
11 as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (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, known as the Bowl
20 Championship Series (BCS), to determine a national college
21 football champion; and

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23 WHEREAS, the BCS is a highly lucrative system in which six
24 of the nation's most powerful college athletic conferences
25 receive automatic bids for football teams in their conference to
26 play in a BCS bowl game, with an additional four teams receiving
27 bids through a point system; and



1 WHEREAS, the BCS point system incorporates a variety of
2 factors, most notably complex mathematical computations and
3 polls, but it also includes internal politics and corporate and
4 television influences that rarely relate to the qualities that
5 make a football team successful on the field; and
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7 WHEREAS, smaller, less influential college athletic
8 conferences, often referred to as "Mid-major" conferences, as
9 well as independent football schools, are often neglected by the
10 BCS bowl system as they do not receive automatic bids, but
11 instead must meet a complicated set of criteria to even be
12 eligible to play in one of the five lucrative bowl games of the
13 BCS; and
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15 WHEREAS, although the BCS was designed with the intent of
16 identifying a true national champion at college football's
17 highest level of play, the system has been controversial and
18 often criticized, and it has at times been referred to as the
19 "Mythical National Championship" since disputes often arise as
20 to which college football team is deserving of the number one
21 national ranking; and
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23 WHEREAS, the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 college football
24 seasons were some of the most memorable to date with outstanding
25 plays and players and a number of unforgettable games, many of
26 which involved major upsets; and
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28 WHEREAS, the 2007, 2008, and 2009, and 2010 college
29 football seasons also highlighted the parity of modern college
30 football, with teams from the "Mid Major" conferences and
31 smaller conferences and divisions playing well and defeating
32 teams from larger more powerful BCS conferences; and
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34 WHEREAS, the 2009 college football season saw the matching
35 of two teams from the "Mid Major" conferences in a BCS Bowl, the
36 first time that has happened since the inception of the BCS Bowl
37 system; and
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39 WHEREAS, with five teams remaining undefeated at the end of
40 the regular season of 2009, and the potential for up to three of
41 those teams to remain undefeated after the completion of the BCS
42 Bowls, the ongoing controversy over the true national champion
43 increased; and
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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 NCAA college
 4 football and other NCAA college sports; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2011, that the National Collegiate Athletic Association is
 9 urged to implement a "Plus-One" model playoff system, which
 10 would allow a playoff between the top four ranked college
 11 football teams in the nation, to determine a national champion
 12 in the Football Bowl Subdivision of collegiate football; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Collegiate
 15 Athletic Association is urged to reserve at least ten per cent
 16 of the seating to the first national playoff championship game
 17 for men and women who serve in the armed forces of the United
 18 States, and is further urged to provide ten per cent of the
 19 proceeds of the national championship game, after expenses, to
 20 initiate or enhance a scholarship foundation for each of the
 21 schools involved in the national championship game that would
 22 provide educational scholarships to handicapped students who
 23 qualify for each university but do not have the financial
 24 resources to attend that university; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 28 the President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association,
 29 and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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