
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF FORMING A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO MEN'S
VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

1 WHEREAS, volleyball is one of the most popular sports in
2 the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo women's
5 volleyball team is a source of pride to the Hilo community,
6 winning the Pacific West Conference Championships in the 2010,
7 2009, and 2007 seasons; and
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9 WHEREAS, individual members of the University of Hawaii at
10 Hilo women's volleyball program have been recognized as national
11 player of the year, conference player of the year, members of
12 the conference first-team, and conference coach of the year; and
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14 WHEREAS, six men's and seven women's athletic teams
15 represent the University of Hawaii at Hilo at the National
16 Collegiate Athletic Association Division II level; and
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18 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo is not
19 represented by a men's volleyball team; and
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21 WHEREAS, local schools have produced outstanding volleyball
22 players who may not have the athletic attributes to play at the
23 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I level but
24 who could certainly develop and thrive at the Division II level;
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27 WHEREAS, local male volleyball players who might not be
28 able to secure an athletic scholarship at the University of
29 Hawaii at Hilo even if a volleyball program is established would
30 still be more likely to enroll in college if the prospect of
31 walking on to the volleyball team was available; and
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33 WHEREAS, every year that passes without a men's volleyball
34 program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo denies some of these



1 young men an opportunity to pursue not just athletic, but
2 concomitant educational opportunities and development; and

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4 WHEREAS, a University of Hawaii at Hilo men's volleyball
5 team has the potential to be a source of pride for the
6 University of Hawaii at Hilo, the Hilo community, and the State;
7 now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2013, that the University of Hawaii at Hilo Director
12 of Intercollegiate Athletics is requested to establish a
13 University of Hawaii at Hilo men's volleyball task force to
14 study the feasibility of establishing a University of Hawaii at
15 Hilo men's volleyball team; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Intercollegiate
18 Athletics is requested to invite the initial members of the task
19 force to participate, including at least one member from each of
20 the following:

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22 (1) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo or
23 the Chancellor's designee;
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25 (2) The Director of the County of Hawaii Department of
26 Research and Development or the Director's designee;
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28 (3) One volleyball community advocate to be appointed by
29 the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on
30 Higher Education;
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32 (4) One volleyball community advocate to be appointed by
33 the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education; and
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35 (5) One member of the travel industry to be invited by the
36 Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
39 are requested to serve without compensation; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
42 Hilo men's volleyball task force is requested to submit a report
43 of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
2 of 2014; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force cease to exist
5 on June 30, 2014; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the University of
9 Hawaii at Hilo, the University of Hawaii at Hilo Director of
10 Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Director of the County of
11 Hawaii Department of Research and Development.

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