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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND  
CONCERNS RAISED BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, on August 29, 2012, pursuant to Senate Rule 20,  
2 the Senate President appointed a Senate Special Committee on  
3 Accountability to conduct informational briefings to review the  
4 oversight, accountability, and transparency of the operational  
5 and financial management of the University of Hawaii System,  
6 including but not limited to the University of Hawaii's Athletic  
7 Department; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Committee held informational briefings on  
10 September 24, 2012, and October 2, 2012; and

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12           WHEREAS, during the informational briefings, the Committee  
13 focused on, among other things, the oversight and transparency  
14 of the University's fiscal and operational administration,  
15 including the role of the Board of Regents; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that the Legislative  
18 Auditor be directed to conduct a financial and management audit  
19 of the University of Hawaii System to specifically address the  
20 issues and concerns raised by the Committee in Senate Special  
21 Committee Report No.           ; now, therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative  
26 Auditor is requested to address the issues and concerns raised  
27 by the Senate Special Committee on Accountability in Senate  
28 Special Committee Report No.           , and evaluate, among other  
29 things:  
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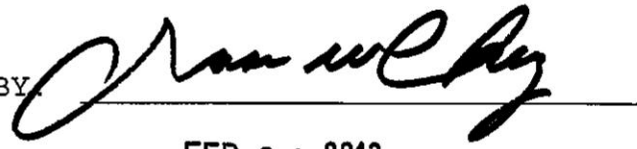
# H.C.R. NO. 52

- 1           (1) The oversight and transparency of the University of  
2           Hawaii System's fiscal and operational administration,  
3           including the role of the Board of Regents;  
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- 5           (2) The use of procurement exemptions for services related  
6           to legal, consulting, and public relations service  
7           contracts or agreements;  
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- 9           (3) The guidelines used by the University of Hawaii System  
10          or its campuses to procure outside legal, consulting,  
11          and public relations services, including any such  
12          services procured through the Research Corporation of  
13          the University of Hawaii; and  
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- 15          (4) Enterprise risk management, including fraud, waste,  
16          and abuse; and  
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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Auditor is  
19          requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
20          twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
21          2014, containing findings and recommendations, including any  
22          proposed legislation, resulting from the management and  
23          financial audit of the University of Hawaii System; and  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26          Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President  
27          of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
28          Legislative Auditor, Chair of the Board of Regents of the  
29          University of Hawaii, and President of the University of Hawaii  
30          System.  
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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
March 14, 2013 at 2:00pm

by  
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COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY  
OF HAWAII

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i has concerns with HCR 52/HR 34, which requests the Legislative Auditor to address the issues and concerns raised by the Senate Special Committee on Accountability relating to the University of Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents is responsible for the internal structure, management, and operation of the University of Hawai'i System. The Board of Regents, with the assistance of its Advisory Task Group (ATG), has conducted a detailed review of the events surrounding last summer's failed concert and related policies, practices, and procedures, and corrective action has been taken. The ATG is currently engaged in Phase 2 of its work, which involves a detailed review and assessment of the Board and the University System.

The Board of Regents is appropriately exercising its responsibilities, and further action by the Legislature or Legislative Auditor in this area is not needed. Moreover, the University is concerned that such action could be viewed as contributing to an environment that has caused concerns to be expressed by the University's accrediting body, the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, in its recent action letter to UH.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these resolutions.