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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII NOT TO
RAISE STUDENT FEES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT OR BUDGET DEFICIT OF ANY
OTHER DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Athletics Department is
2 facing a potential budget deficit of \$2,000,000, partly as a
3 result of a shortfall in projected football ticket revenues and
4 its inability to generate sufficient monies through fundraising;
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7 WHEREAS, many people in the State have shown discontent and
8 dissatisfaction with the Board of Regents of the University of
9 Hawaii and President of the University of Hawaii System based on
10 the perception of a lack of leadership and transparency in
11 recent times; and
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13 WHEREAS, this discontent and dissatisfaction has led some
14 longtime financial supporters of the University of Hawaii to
15 publicly state that they are no longer willing to provide
16 financial support to the University of Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, University of Hawaii officials have publicly
19 stated that the University may raise student fees in order to
20 offset the Athletics Department's deficit; and
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22 WHEREAS, University of Hawaii students already pay a
23 mandatory \$50 fee per semester that contributes \$1,400,000 a
24 year to the University of Hawaii Athletics Department; and
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26 WHEREAS, students should not be asked to shoulder the
27 burden of making up for the budget deficit of the Athletics
28 Department or budget deficit of any other department at the
29 University of Hawaii; and
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31 WHEREAS, if student fees are raised, the amount should be
32 based on an objective criteria or an appropriate formula, rather
33 than an apparently arbitrary amount decided by the University of
34 Hawaii; and



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2 WHEREAS, this body finds that if the University of Hawaii
3 raises student fees to balance the budget of the University of
4 Hawaii's Athletics Department or budget deficit of any other
5 University of Hawaii department, once those budgets are
6 balanced, the student fees should be reduced accordingly; now,
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
11 that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii is urged
12 not to raise student fees to balance the budget of the
13 University of Hawaii's Athletics Department or budget deficit of
14 any other University of Hawaii department; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the University
19 of Hawaii System, and Chancellors of each campus of the
20 University of Hawaii System.

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23 OFFERED BY:

