
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE,
EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPORTS LEAGUE.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a great interest in educating and
2 retaining talented young persons; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State has a proud and rich history of
5 producing exceptional athletes capable of competing on the
6 collegiate level; and
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8 WHEREAS, many of these students would benefit from
9 obtaining education at the community college level prior to
10 attending a four-year university; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State has a wide variety of community colleges
13 where students receive specialized degrees and certificates
14 focused on their interests and abilities; and
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16 WHEREAS, obtaining education at community colleges prepare
17 students for further education or to enter the workforce in
18 areas in need of more professionals with specialized skills; and
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20 WHEREAS, high school athletes may be more interested in
21 attending college if they are able to continue participating in
22 their gifted areas of athletics; and
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24 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii would benefit from
25 recruiting community college athletes with playing experience at
26 a higher level compared to only high school athletes; and
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28 WHEREAS, football and volleyball are the two of the most
29 played sports in the State; and
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31 WHEREAS, if each community college in the State implemented
32 sports programs, there would be a sufficient number of teams to



1 compete against each other at the community college athletic
2 level; and

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4 WHEREAS, community colleges would be able to recruit from
5 the strong high school athletes who may not be able to
6 immediately attend and compete at a four year university; and
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8 WHEREAS, participating in athletics at the community
9 college level while also receiving an education may encourage
10 these students to further their educational or athletic pursuits
11 on a higher level while preparing them to enter the working
12 force in a specialized field; and
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14 WHEREAS, focusing on football and volleyball as pilot
15 program sports of a community college sports league would
16 provide ample opportunities for high school athletes in the
17 State; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2016, that the Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant
22 Governor's designee, is requested to serve as chair of the
23 working group; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group comprise the
26 following individuals;
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- 28 (1) A representative from Hawaii Community College;
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- 30 (2) A representative from Honolulu Community College;
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- 32 (3) A representative from Kapiolani Community College;
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- 34 (4) A representative from Kauai Community College;
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- 36 (5) A representative from Leeward Community College;
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- 38 (6) A representative from Windward Community College;
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- 40 (7) The Athletic Director of the University of Hawaii or
41 the Athletic Director's designee; and



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(8) Two community members who play on the collegiate, semi-professional, or professional level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to consider:

- (1) Whether implementing a community college sports league is feasible;
- (2) The costs and scholarships associated with implementing a community college sports league with the initial sports of football and volleyball; and
- (3) How the league could be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the working group are requested to serve without compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved on June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Athletic Director at the University of Hawaii, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the Hawaii Community College, Dean of Student Services at the Honolulu Community College, Dean of Student Services at the Kapiolani Community College, Dean of Student Services at the Kauai Community College, Dean of Student Services at the Leeward Community College, and Dean of Student Services at the Windward Community College.

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