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### REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVE GAME BALLS FROM KALANI HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

**Honolulu, Hawaii** – Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Waialae, Kahala, Diamond Head, Kaimuki, Kapahulu) and Rep. Mark Hashem (Hahaione, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Kapahulu) both received game balls signed by all the members of the Kalani High School Soccer Team, the reigning Division I State champion, at the State Legislature.

The entire team, composed of 30 players, head coach Michael Ching, assistant coaches, trainers and managers, were present at the House Chamber to be congratulated on their state championship. Five Kalani players were named to the HHSAA (Hawaii High School Athletic Association) 11 -member All-Tournament Team including Leo Klink (Most Outstanding Player) along with Noa Maxilom, Steven Teshima, Michael Stafford and Kazuto Moribe.

"After last year's heartbreaking loss in the title game, it was exciting to watch the team come back more determined than ever this year and win the championship in an overtime shootout" said Rep. Bert Kobayashi who co-sponsored the resolution presented to the team.

"Although individuals were recognized for their outstanding effort," said Rep. Mark Hashem who co-sponsored the resolution. "it was the combined effort of the whole team that ultimately contributed to their success."

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