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SENATE BILL RESTORES RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS STATEWIDE

HONOLULU - State Senator David Ige (D-16 Pearl City, Momilani, Pearlridge, 'Aiea, Royal Summit, 'Aiea Heights, Newtown, Waimalu, Hālawā, Pearl Harbor), chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, has introduced Senate Bill 3083, which, if passed, would make an appropriation to restore resources to the athletic programs in public schools throughout the state. The measure would also increase the positions authorized for school athletics and allow the Department of Education to create, fill and fund full-time equivalent, permanent, or temporary positions for fiscal year 2014-2015 for its athletic programs.

SB3083 is also supported by Senator Michelle Kidani (D-18 Mililani Town, portion of Waipi'o Gentry, Waikele, Village Park, Royal Kunia), vice chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Senator Jill Tokuda (D-24 Kāneohe, Kāneohe MCAB, Kailua, He'eia, 'Āhuimanu), chairwoman of the Education Committee.

"During the time of the 'Great Recession', the athletic programs at public schools have borne much of the brunt of the budget cuts made in education. This measure will help to provide additional resources to assure the development and safety of our high school athletes," said Ige. "For many students in our public schools, the opportunity to play sports motivates and positively impacts their success in the classroom. In recognizing the positive influence coaches and athletics can have on our students, this measure helps illustrate the investment we are making in our students to help them succeed in both the classroom and on the playing field."

SB3083 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on Monday, February 10 at 1:15 p.m. Those wishing to submit testimony or to sign up to provide testimony via teleconferencing can do so by visiting www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

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