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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE
AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Foundation is responsible
2 for fundraising efforts for the University of Hawaii System and
3 the management of over seven thousand gift accounts for the
4 university; and

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6 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Foundation is the sole
7 provider of fundraising and alumni services, offering private
8 donors opportunities to support research efforts, student aid,
9 or campus improvement projects; and

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11 WHEREAS, the "For UH For Hawaii" fundraising campaign,
12 originally introduced in 2023, has since surpassed \$660,000,000
13 in funds to support various University of Hawaii projects and
14 efforts; and

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16 WHEREAS, there are thousands of fund opportunities
17 available to donors dedicated to specific departments, programs,
18 or specializations through the University of Hawaii Foundation;
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21 WHEREAS, the efficient, effective, and transparent use of
22 funding to provide extensive support for students and faculty
23 through the offerings of these programs and improvement projects
24 should be a priority of the University of Hawaii Foundation; and

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26 WHEREAS, the evaluation of the use and management of these
27 funds is crucial to identifying potential shortfalls and areas
28 of improvement to ensure productive use of funds for the purpose
29 of providing necessary and extensive support to University of
30 Hawaii System students and faculty; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
34 that the Office of the Auditor is requested to conduct a
35 performance audit of the University of Hawaii Foundation to



1 ensure effective use and management of the funds received by the
2 foundation; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson of the
6 Board of Trustees of the University of Hawaii Foundation, and
7 Chief Executive Officer of the University of Hawaii Foundation.

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