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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF FORMING A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO MEN'S  
VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

1 WHEREAS, volleyball is one of the most popular sports in  
2 the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo women's  
5 volleyball team is a source of pride to the Hilo community,  
6 winning the Pacific West Conference Championships in the 2010,  
7 2009, and 2007 seasons; and

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9 WHEREAS, individual members of the University of Hawaii at  
10 Hilo women's volleyball program have been recognized as national  
11 player of the year, conference player of the year, members of  
12 the conference first-team, and conference coach of the year; and

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14 WHEREAS, six men's and seven women's athletic teams  
15 represent the University of Hawaii at Hilo at the National  
16 Collegiate Athletic Association Division II level; and

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18 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo is not  
19 represented by a men's volleyball team; and

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21 WHEREAS, local schools have produced outstanding volleyball  
22 players who may not have the athletic attributes to play at the  
23 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I level but  
24 who could certainly develop and thrive at the Division II level;  
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27 WHEREAS, local male volleyball players who might not be  
28 able to secure an athletic scholarship at the University of  
29 Hawaii at Hilo even if a volleyball program is established would  
30 still be more likely to enroll in college if the prospect of  
31 walking on to the volleyball team was available; and

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1 WHEREAS, every year that passes without a men's volleyball  
2 program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo denies some of these  
3 young men an opportunity to pursue not just athletic, but  
4 concomitant educational opportunities and development; and  
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6 WHEREAS, a University of Hawaii at Hilo men's volleyball  
7 team has the potential to be a source of pride for the  
8 University of Hawaii at Hilo, the Hilo community, and the State;  
9 now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
13 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
14 Hawaii at Hilo Director of Intercollegiate Athletics is  
15 requested to establish a University of Hawaii at Hilo men's  
16 volleyball task force to study the feasibility of establishing a  
17 University of Hawaii at Hilo men's volleyball team; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Intercollegiate  
20 Athletics is requested to invite the initial members of the task  
21 force to participate, including at least one member from each of  
22 the following:  
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- 24 (1) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo or  
25 the Chancellor's designee;
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- 27 (2) The Director of the County of Hawaii Department of  
28 Research and Development or the Director's designee;
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- 30 (3) One volleyball community advocate to be appointed by  
31 the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on  
32 Higher Education;
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- 34 (4) One volleyball community advocate to be appointed by  
35 the Chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education;  
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- 38 (5) One member of the travel industry to be invited by the  
39 Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force  
42 are requested to serve without compensation; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at  
2 Hilo men's volleyball task force is requested to submit a report  
3 of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later  
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
5 of 2014; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force cease to exist  
8 on June 30, 2014; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the  
12 University of Hawaii at Hilo, the University of Hawaii at Hilo  
13 Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Director of the  
14 County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development.

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