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Chair Will Espero and Chair Clayton Hee, and Members of their Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the
University of Hawai‘i and its respective athletic departments at Manoa and at
Hilo, and respective Athletic Directors Herman Frazier and Kathleen McNally.

My name is Ryan Akamine, and I am an Associate General Counsel from
the University of Hawai‘i Office of Vice-President of Legal Affairs and University
General Counsel.

The University of Hawai‘i strongly supports enactment of the Uniform
Athlete Agents Act (“UAAA”) as law in Hawai‘i because of the potential for athlete
agents to cause serious problems for student-athletes from the University of
Hawai‘i, and for the University of Hawai‘i and the National Collegiate Athletic
Association and the athletic conference regulators. As such, the University of
Hawai‘i also supports the Senate’s and House of Representatives’ request to the
State Auditor to, in accordance with section 26H-6 of the Hawaii Revised
Statutes, the probable effects of enacting the UAAA in Hawai‘i, and to report its
findings and recommendations to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the

While the University of Hawai‘i and Athletic Directors Herman Frazier and
Kathleen McNally understand that the process of review by the State Auditor is
necessary for enactment of the UAAA as law in Hawai‘i, it is strongly urged that
the legislative process be completed as soon as possible so that the State of
Hawai‘i can join the majority of the States that already have laws regulating the
conduct of athlete agents.