



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

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Chair Ron Menor, Chair Rosalyn Baker, 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, analyze 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 convening of the Legislature's Regular Session of 2005.

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.