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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ESTABLISH A GAMING TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ALLOWING GAMING AND ESTABLISHING CASINO OPERATIONS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is exploring  
2 options to establish a consistent and sustainable cash flow to  
3 financially support its programs; and  
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5           WHEREAS, many destinations that are competing with Hawaii  
6 for visitor dollars have legal gaming in some form; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of only two states that prohibit all  
9 types of gaming; and  
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11           WHEREAS, those opposed to legal gaming argue that these  
12 forms of gaming will not attract new dollars from outside  
13 Hawaii, but instead will cause a shift in spending patterns,  
14 which will ultimately be detrimental to local residents; and  
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16           WHEREAS, on the other hand, proponents of gaming argue that  
17 the State loses millions in revenue each year to other  
18 jurisdictions that allow gaming; now, therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2011, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested  
23 to establish a Gaming Task Force to study the advantages and  
24 disadvantages, including but not limited to economic and social  
25 impacts, of allowing gaming and establishing casino operations  
26 on Hawaiian home lands; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
29 include the following members:  
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- 31           (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or  
32 the Chairperson's designee;  
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- 1           (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
- 2           Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 4           (3) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the
- 5           Director's designee;
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- 7           (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
- 8           Hawaiian Tourism Authority or the Chairperson's
- 9           designee; and
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- 11          (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
- 12          Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau or the
- 13          Chairperson's designee; and
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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force  
 16 shall select a chairperson from among themselves; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
 19 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
 20 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 21 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 22 2012; and

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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
 26 Homes Commission; Director of Business, Economic Development,  
 27 and Tourism; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;  
 28 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Tourism  
 29 Authority; and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the  
 30 Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau.

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