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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A
POWERBALL STATE LOTTERY.

1 WHEREAS, Powerball is an American lottery game sold in
2 lotteries in member states across the country as a shared
3 jackpot pool game; and
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5 WHEREAS, Powerball is coordinated by the Multi-State
6 Lottery Association, a non-profit organization entirely owned
7 and operated by member lotteries and based in Des Moines, Iowa;
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10 WHEREAS, Powerball currently is available in the District
11 of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, and forty-two
12 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,
13 Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,
14 Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan,
15 Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New
16 Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota,
17 Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South
18 Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia,
19 Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; and
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21 WHEREAS, Mega Millions is also a multistate lottery game
22 played in the District of Columbia and forty-one participating
23 states: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut,
24 Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas,
25 Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota,
26 Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, North Dakota, New
27 Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma,
28 Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South
29 Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington,
30 Wisconsin, and West Virginia; and
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32 WHEREAS, Hawaii is presently suffering from a severe
33 economic downturn resulting in drastically declining revenues,



1 particularly in light of the Pacific tsunami disaster in Japan
2 and its projected effects on tourism; and
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4 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures
5 reports that state lotteries sold \$53,700,000,000 worth of
6 tickets in fiscal year 2006, which was equal to three percent of
7 the total state revenue generated by all of the participating
8 states during that year; and
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10 WHEREAS, the State needs an alternative means to generate
11 revenue in addition to taxes and should give due consideration
12 to the potential use of lotteries as a source of revenue
13 generation, as a majority of other states have done; now,
14 therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
19 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the
20 feasibility of implementing a Powerball, Mega Millions lottery,
21 or both in the State; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
24 Bureau report findings and recommendations, including proposed
25 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
26 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
30 Legislative Reference Bureau.
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OFFERED BY:




