
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A
POWERBALL STATE LOTTERY, MEGA MILLIONS LOTTERY, OR BOTH, IN
THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Powerball is an American lottery game sold in
2 member states across the country as a shared jackpot pool game;
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5 WHEREAS, Powerball is coordinated by the Multi-State
6 Lottery Association, a non-profit, government-benefit
7 association entirely owned and operated by member lotteries and
8 based in Urbandale, Iowa; and
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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-two participating
23 states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut,
24 Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas,
25 Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,
26 Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New
27 Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,
28 Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South
29 Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West
30 Virginia and Wisconsin; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is presently suffering from a severe
2 economic downturn resulting in drastically declining revenues,
3 particularly in light of the Pacific tsunami disaster in Japan
4 and its projected effects on tourism; and
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6 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures
7 reports that, in fiscal year 2006, state lotteries had
8 \$53,767,000,000 in net ticket sales, which amount excludes
9 commissions paid to vendors and is equal to three percent of the
10 total state revenue generated by all of the participating states
11 during that year; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State needs an alternative means to generate
14 revenue in addition to taxes and should give due consideration
15 to the potential use of lotteries as a source of revenue
16 generation, as a majority of other states have done; now,
17 therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, with the assistance
23 of the Legislative Reference Bureau, is requested to conduct a
24 study on the feasibility of implementing a Powerball State
25 lottery, Mega Millions lottery, or both, in the State; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include findings,
28 recommendations, and proposed legislation; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
31 Bureau is requested to assist the Department of Business,
32 Economic Development, and Tourism in preparing any proposed
33 legislation; provided that the Department submits its request
34 for drafting proposed legislation to the Legislative Reference
35 Bureau no later than November 1, 2011; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
38 Economic Development, and Tourism report its findings and
39 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
40 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Director of the
4 Legislative Reference Bureau.
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