
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMBLING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 gambling commission to perform a comprehensive analysis of the
3 costs and benefits of various types of gambling to enable
4 legislators to make informed decisions regarding gambling.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a gambling
6 commission, which shall:

7 (1) Analyze the financial and social costs and benefits of
8 various types of gambling activity, including but not
9 limited to the lottery, casino, slots, table games,
10 horse and dog racing, sports betting, bingo, and
11 internet gaming;

12 (2) Assess the financial viability of each type of
13 gambling in the State; and

14 (3) Determine what percentage of each dollar put into a
15 gambling system would likely be remitted for
16 administration, for prizes, to retailers, and to the
17 State.

18 (b) The gambling commission shall be comprised of:



- 1 (1) Three individuals selected by the governor;
- 2 (2) Three individuals selected by the senate president;
- 3 and
- 4 (3) Three individuals selected by the speaker of the
- 5 house.

6 Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to the
7 selection and terms of gaming commission members.

8 (c) The gambling commission shall be administratively
9 attached to the department of business, economic development,
10 and tourism.

11 SECTION 3. Members of the gambling commission shall not
12 receive compensation for their service but shall be reimbursed
13 for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in
14 the performance of their duties under this Act.

15 SECTION 4. The gambling commission shall report its
16 findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature
17 no later than October 1, 2012, and shall be dissolved on
18 June 30, 2013.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for



1 the gambling commission to perform the analysis described in
2 this Act.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
7 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Gambling; Commission; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a gambling commission that is exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to perform a comprehensive analysis of the social and financial costs and benefits of different types of gambling and their impacts on the State in order for legislators to make informed policy decisions regarding gambling. Appropriates funds to perform the analysis. (Proposed SD1)

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