
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A GAMBLING TASK FORCE TO PERFORM A
SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, legalized gambling in Hawaii poses the potential
2 to generate additional state revenues to maintain important
3 social programs, create jobs, expand economic growth, and to
4 help Hawaii compete in the increasingly competitive global
5 tourism market; and
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7 WHEREAS, a comprehensive analysis of the costs and benefits
8 to the State of legalized gambling would facilitate informed
9 decisions on this issue; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2013, that the Department of Business, Economic
14 Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a gambling task
15 force to:

16 (1) Analyze the social and financial costs and benefits of
17 the various forms of gambling, including the lottery,
18 casinos, slots, table games, horse and dog racing,
19 sports betting, bingo, and internet gaming;
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21 (2) Assess the financial viability of the various forms of
22 gambling if authorized in the State; and
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24 (3) Determine what percentage of each dollar wagered in a
25 gambling system would likely be remitted to the
26 gambling system's administration, prizes, retailers,
27 and to the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to invite the
3 following parties to serve as members of the task force:

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- 5 (1) A representative from the Department of Health;
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- 7 (2) A representative from the Department of Business,
8 Economic Development, and Tourism;
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- 10 (3) A representative from the Department of Commerce and
11 Consumer Affairs;
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- 13 (4) A representative from the Department of Budget and
14 Finance;
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- 16 (5) A representative from a nonprofit economic development
17 organization;
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- 19 (6) Three individuals selected by the Senate President;
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- 22 (7) Three individuals selected by the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
26 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide
27 administrative support to the task force; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
30 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to report the
31 findings and recommendations of the task force to the Governor
32 and the Legislature no later than October 1, 2013; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
35 be dissolved on June 30, 2014; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Director of
39 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the



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1 Director of Health; the Director of Commerce and Consumer
2 Affairs; and the Director of Budget and Finance.

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