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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO IDENTIFY  
AND ANALYZE PERMISSIBLE AND UNLAWFUL METHODS OF FUNDRAISING  
FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

1           WHEREAS, charitable organizations provide important social  
2 services and valuable resources to persons in need, including  
3 services and resources that the State may otherwise be required  
4 to provide; and

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6           WHEREAS, charitable organizations often lack adequate  
7 funding to function effectively and to provide the services  
8 requested of them; and

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10          WHEREAS, conducting raffles is a very common method of  
11 fundraising for charitable organizations; and

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13          WHEREAS, current state law prohibits raffles if money is  
14 charged for the raffle tickets, similar to a lottery; and

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16          WHEREAS, some charitable organizations believe that the law  
17 does not prohibit raffles if the tickets are distributed at no  
18 charge after participants pay an entrance fee or ticket fee to a  
19 fundraising event; and

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21          WHEREAS, there are conflicting opinions about whether  
22 certain fundraising activities for charitable organizations are  
23 considered unlawful; and

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25          WHEREAS, an analysis is needed to clarify what types of  
26 fundraising activities are permissible in the State; now,  
27 therefore,

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29          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2013, that the Attorney General is requested to  
32 identify and analyze various fundraising methods of charitable  
33 organizations, including raffles, and make a determination on  
34 which fundraising methods are permissible and which methods may  
35 constitute unlawful gambling; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney  
2 General is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
4 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
5 Regular Session of 2014; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Attorney  
9 General.

