

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 855

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 855 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY GAMBLING ORDINANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the
authority of counties to adopt by ordinance gambling laws that do
not conflict with state laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii
Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii and Utah are the only two
states in the nation where all forms of gambling remain illegal.
County governments in Hawaii can effectively prevent gambling in
their counties by enacting and enforcing zoning, licensing, and
consumer protection laws. This measure would allow counties to
control, deter, or otherwise affect gambling by ordinance in
accordance with state law.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with
the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 855 and recommends that it pass
Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and
Labor.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,

Will Espero

WILL ESPERO, Chair



