

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 614

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 614 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the abatement of gambling activity by including gambling offenses in the nuisance abatement laws under chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure also affords citizens who bring nuisance abatement suits against a place used for gambling the rights and protections of victims and witnesses in criminal proceedings.

The Department of the Attorney General, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling provided testimony in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide law enforcement with an additional tool to protect the public through the abatement of gambling activity and its related ills.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 614 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



