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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY**

Friday, March 23, 2018
3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 229

in consideration of
SCR189/SR137

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A STATE LOTTERY TO FUND
HAWAII'S PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

Chairs Kidani and Wakai, Vice Chairs Kahele and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of this resolution for DBEDT to study the feasibility of a state lottery to fund Hawaii's public education system and offers comments.

A comprehensive study would include a survey of the 44 states that have lotteries and identify their best practices, including administration. A second survey would be required to analyze Hawaii residents' views about having a lottery in the state. Another area the study should include is the impact of an alternative means of funding education. The study should also examine a lottery's social and economic impacts on residents and visitors. Finally, the legal implications of creating and operating a lottery in the state would need to be examined, and DBEDT does not have expertise in this area. DBEDT would require \$100,000 to conduct the surveys for the study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the above comments.

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Testimony for ETT on 3/23/2018 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louise Storm	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Hasn't this topic been studied before? If so, why should there be another study? The state seems to spend a lot of money on studies. Why not a study to find out how much money has been wasted on studies?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: