
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A GAMBLING ADVISORY GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE
IMPACTS OF GROWING ACCESS TO ONLINE AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of all people in the United
2 States now have easy access to the internet through computers,
3 smart phones, and other platforms; and
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5 WHEREAS, Americans illegally wagered tens of billions of
6 dollars through online gambling platforms on sporting events in
7 2017 and billions more on other games of chance; and
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9 WHEREAS, the growth of numerous online gambling platforms
10 allowing adults and minors to spend real money placing bets and
11 buying chances to win something of value in online games of
12 chance has begun to circumvent Hawaii's prohibitions on
13 gambling; and
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15 WHEREAS, numerous online gambling platforms have also been
16 intentionally targeting and marketing games of chance to minors
17 and employing online data collection to identify individuals who
18 may psychologically be the most likely to maximize betting; and
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20 WHEREAS, the impacts of growing access to online gambling
21 have begun to have significant real-world consequences such as
22 financial, psychological, and cognitive developmental problems,
23 particularly among minors who have easy access to such
24 platforms; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
28 2019, that a Gambling Advisory Group is convened to examine and
29 assess the impacts of growing access to online and illegal
30 gambling in Hawaii; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gambling Advisory Group
 2 shall serve without compensation and be co-chaired by the Chairs
 3 of the House and Senate standing committees on Judiciary, and
 4 shall include the Attorney General or the Attorney General's
 5 designee, the Executive Director of the Office of Consumer
 6 Protection in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or
 7 the Executive Director's designee, the Director of Health or the
 8 Director's designee, a member with experience and background in
 9 public education, and any other members who may appointed by the
 10 co-chairs; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 13 Bureau is requested to provide staff support and administrative
 14 support to the Gambling Advisory Group, including clerical and
 15 research services, as needed; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gambling Advisory Group is
 18 requested to submit a report of its findings and
 19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 20 Legislature no later than 20 days before the convening of the
 21 Regular Sessions of 2020 and 2021; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney General,
 25 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Executive Director of
 26 the Office of Consumer Protection, Director of Health, and
 27 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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