

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1060

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 1342
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1342, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ILLEGAL GAMBLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include engaging in hosting activities that advance gambling activity on real property under the offense of promoting gambling in the first degree.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that illegal gambling presents a serious risk to public safety and welfare. Your Committee further finds that real property owners, managers, or others who receive or entertain other persons with the intent of advancing gambling activity on real property should be subject to heightened penalties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that engaging in activities in which a person receives or entertains other persons as guests with the

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intent of advancing gambling activity on real property is included in the offense of promoting gambling in the first degree, rather than engaging in hosting activities that advance gambling activity on real property; and

- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1342, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1342, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



