

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3912

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 70
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Sports Wagering Working Group to conduct an analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from DraftKings Inc. and Sports Betting Alliance.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks.

Your Committee finds that a robust illegal sports betting market thrives in the absence of a legal, regulated framework. Your Committee further finds that by channeling sports wagering



activity into a responsible, regulated, and legal market, the State stands to gain millions of dollars each year in additional tax revenue. This measure requests the convening of a Sports Wagering Working Group to analyze the benefits and impacts of legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Sports Wagering Working Group is requested to submit a report on its analysis, including any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026, rather than the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)				/
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado		/		
FEVELLA, Kurt		/		
TOTAL	2	2		1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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