

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1496

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 21**, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 891  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and  
Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Tourism and  
Gaming Working Group within the Department of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; Aloha Hālawā District  
Partners; Boyd Gaming; Stanford Carr Development; and five  
individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from four individuals. Your Committees received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism; Stadium Authority; Hawai'i Tourism  
Authority; Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club; and 'Aiea Community  
Association.

Your Committees find that legalizing gaming and gambling  
activities could spur economic activity and job creation while  
creating an additional source of revenue for the State. Your  
Committees further find that the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment  
District may offer a prime location for such activities. This

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measure ensures that the State examines the complex relationship between tourism and the potential introduction of legalized gaming and gambling.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Working Group to examine strategies to mitigate gambling addiction and other health harms associated with gambling;
- (2) Requiring the Working Group to examine strategies to mitigate the financial harms associated with gambling;
- (3) Allowing the Co-chairpersons of the Working Group to appoint designees;
- (4) Changing the membership of the Working Group;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development & Technology and  
Tourism,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



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1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)		/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)				/	
3. HOLT, Daniel		/			
4. TAM, Adrian K.		/			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		<del>/</del>	/		
6. TODD, Chris		/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren			/		
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1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)	✓			
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3. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
4. HUSSEY, Ikaika			✓	
5. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
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