

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1039

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to examine the economic potential of legalizing gambling and gaming activities within the State.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes a Tourism and Gaming Working Group within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
- (2) Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund, Boyd Gaming, and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Stop Predatory Gambling, HI Good Neighbor, Nation of Hawaii, and four individuals.

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Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Stadium Authority; Hawaii Tourism Authority; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that gaming and gambling activities, when operated within a comprehensive policy framework, can lead to economic growth and provide a significant source of tax revenue. Your Committee believes that the working group proposed by this measure will provide the Legislature with useful information to further consider such a framework.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

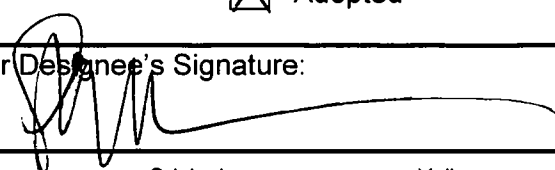
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB891 SD2	Committee Referral: EDT, WAM	Date: 2-28-2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes