
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a gaming working
2 group within the department of business, economic development,
3 and tourism for administrative purposes.

4 (b) The working group shall:

5 (1) Review past gaming legislation that has been
6 considered by the legislature to determine if any have
7 the potential to be implemented in the State;

8 (2) Develop a comprehensive gaming policy framework that
9 would serve as a catalyst for economic activity,
10 employment, investment, and a significant source of
11 tax revenue for the State;

12 (3) Examine the potential for gaming activities at the New
13 Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and

14 (4) Examine how gaming activities may support the work
15 being done by the department of business, economic
16 development, and tourism and the Hawaii tourism
17 authority.



1 (c) The working group shall consist of the following
2 individuals:

3 (1) The chairs of the senate and house of representatives
4 standing committees whose subject matter purview
5 includes economic development, who shall serve as
6 co-chairpersons of the working group;

7 (2) The senate president, or the senate president's
8 designee;

9 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives, or the
10 speaker's designee;

11 (4) One individual from Boyd Gaming Corporation, to be
12 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;

13 (5) One individual from DraftKings Inc., to be invited by
14 the co-chairpersons of the working group;

15 (6) One individual from MGM Resorts International, to be
16 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;

17 (7) Three members of the public, to be invited by the
18 co-chairpersons of the working group; and

19 (8) Other interested parties with relevant experience and
20 expertise, as invited by the co-chairpersons of the
21 working group.



(d) The members of the working group shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. No member of the working group shall be subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the member's participation in the working group.

(e) The working group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

(f) The department of business, economic development, and tourism shall provide necessary administrative support to the working group in carrying out their duties, including preparation of the report required pursuant to subsection (e).

(g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2026.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Proposed

Report Title:

DBEDT; Gambling; Gaming; Economic Development; Working Group;
Report

Description:

Establishes a Gaming Working Group within the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Requires a report
to the Legislature. (Proposed SD1)

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