
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONVENE A TOURISM AND GAMING WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, under existing law, gaming, also known as
2 gambling, is largely prohibited within the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, legislation to legalize gaming has been introduced
5 in past legislative sessions; and

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7 WHEREAS, gaming activities operated within a comprehensive
8 policy framework may lead to economic growth and provide a
9 significant source of tax revenue; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature needs useful information,
12 evaluated and prepared by stakeholders, to properly consider
13 such a framework; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
19 convene a Tourism and Gaming Working Group; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
22 to:

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24 (1) Review gaming legislation that has been considered by
25 the Legislature to determine if any proposal has the
26 potential to be implemented in the State;
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28 (2) Develop a comprehensive tourism gaming policy
29 framework that would serve as a catalyst for economic
30 growth, job creation, capital investment, and a
31 significant source of tax revenue for the State;
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1 (3) Examine the potential for gaming activities at the New
2 Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and

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4 (4) Examine how gaming activities may support the work
5 conducted by the Department of Business, Economic
6 Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Tourism
7 Authority; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
10 requested to serve as members of the working group:

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12 (1) The Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate
13 and House of Representatives under whose purview fall
14 matters of economic development, who are also
15 requested to serve as co-chairpersons of the working
16 group;

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18 (2) The President of the Senate, or the President's
19 designee;

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21 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the
22 Speaker's designee;

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24 (4) A representative from the Department of Business,
25 Economic Development, and Tourism;

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27 (5) A representative from the Department of Law
28 Enforcement;

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30 (6) A representative from the Department of Taxation;

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32 (7) One individual having knowledge, experience, and
33 expertise in the area of labor, to be invited by the
34 co-chairpersons of the working group;

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36 (8) One individual representing Native Hawaiian culture,
37 to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the working
38 group;

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40 (9) One individual having experience in social services
41 and behavioral addictions, to be invited by the
42 co-chairpersons of the working group;



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2 (10) One individual possessing academic and research
3 expertise in global tourism, sports, and entertainment
4 industries, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of
5 the working group;
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7 (11) One individual from Boyd Gaming Corporation, to be
8 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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10 (12) One individual from DraftKings Inc., to be invited by
11 the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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13 (13) One individual from BetMGM, to be invited by the
14 co-chairpersons of the working group;
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16 (14) One individual from Aloha Hālawā District Partners
17 LLC, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the
18 working group; and
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20 (15) Other interested parties having relevant experience
21 and expertise, invited by the co-chairpersons of the
22 working group; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
25 to submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
26 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
27 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
28 of 2027; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
31 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide
32 necessary administrative support to the working group in
33 carrying out its duties, including the preparation of the report
34 to the Legislature; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
37 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to dissolve the
38 Tourism and Gaming Working Group on June 30, 2028; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
42 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; President of the



1 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Director of Law
2 Enforcement; Director of Taxation; President and Chief Executive
3 Officer of Boyd Gaming Corporation; Chief Executive Officer of
4 DraftKings Inc.; and Chief Executive Officer of BetMGM.

