

JAN 25 2012

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMBLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the
2 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
3 convene a task force to perform a comprehensive analysis of the
4 costs and benefits of various types of gambling to enable
5 legislators to make informed decisions regarding gambling.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
7 development, and tourism shall convene a gambling task force
8 that shall:

9 (1) Analyze the financial and social costs and benefits of
10 various types of gambling activity, including but not
11 limited to the lottery, casino, slots, table games,
12 horse and dog racing, sports betting, bingo, and
13 internet gaming;

14 (2) Assess the financial viability of each type of
15 gambling in the State; and

16 (3) Determine what percentage of each dollar put into a
17 gambling system would likely be remitted for
18 administration, prizes, retailers, and to the State.



- 1 (b) The gambling task force shall be composed of:
- 2 (1) A representative from the department of health;
- 3 (2) A representative from the department of business,
- 4 economic development, and tourism;
- 5 (3) A representative from the department of commerce and
- 6 consumer affairs;
- 7 (4) A representative from the department of budget and
- 8 finance;
- 9 (5) Three individuals selected by the senate president;
- 10 and
- 11 (6) Three individuals selected by the speaker of the
- 12 house.

13 (c) The task force shall be administratively attached to
14 the department of business, economic development and tourism.

15 SECTION 3. Members of the task force shall not receive
16 compensation for their service but shall be reimbursed for
17 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the
18 performance of their duties under this Act.

19 SECTION 4. The task force shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later
21 than October 1, 2012, and shall be dissolved on June 30, 2013.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Gambling; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a gambling task force to perform a comprehensive social and financial analysis of the different types of gambling and their impact on the State in order for legislators to make informed policy decisions.

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