June 3, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 3, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB148 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT  
ACT 080 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that part V of chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes civil lawsuits to abate criminal offenses relating to prostitution or the display of indecent matter, illegal manufacture or distribution of drugs, and certain fireworks offenses, which include every category of offenses against public health and morals included under chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, except gambling offenses under part III of that chapter. The legislature further finds that illegal gambling often attracts activity that involves physical violence and the distribution of narcotics and is therefore an appropriate subject of nuisance abatement. Further, the addition of gambling offenses to the nuisance abatement laws will authorize law enforcement to pursue civil remedies to bolster enforcement of the criminal gambling prohibitions found in part III of chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
1 The purpose of this Act is to promote the prosecution of
gambling offenses through their inclusion in the nuisance
abatement laws.

SECTION 2. Section 712-1270, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:

"§712-1270 Places used to commit offenses against public
health and morals, a nuisance. Every building, premises, or
place used for the purpose of violating:

(1) Those laws pertaining to offenses against public
health and morals contained in [parts I, II, and IV
except] this chapter, except offenses under part IV
[which] do not involve the manufacture or
distribution of drugs and activities under part III
that involve only social gambling as defined in
section 712-1231(a); or

(2) Section 132D-14(a)(1) or (3),
and every building, premises, or place in or upon which [the]
violations of any of the laws set forth in paragraph (1) or (2)
are held or occur [in parts I, II, and IV, or section 132D-
14(a)(1) or (3)], is a nuisance that shall be enjoined, abated,
and prevented, regardless of whether it is a public or private
nuisance."

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
begun before its effective date.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 3 day of JUN, 2015

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII