
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO
CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND
REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, a robust illegal sports betting market thrives in
2 the absence of a legal, regulated framework; and
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4 WHEREAS, the American Gaming Association estimates that
5 Americans wager over \$63,000,000,000 each year in the illegal
6 market with no oversight, consumer protections, or tax revenue
7 generated; and
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9 WHEREAS, sports wagering is offered safely and responsibly
10 by reputable operators in jurisdictions where sports wagering is
11 legal, and these operators implement robust measures with regard
12 to identity verification, consumer protection, responsible
13 gaming, and game integrity that are not present in the illegal
14 market; and
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16 WHEREAS, by channeling this activity into a legal market
17 and building a robust, responsible, and regulated market for
18 sports wagering, Hawaii stands to gain millions of dollars each
19 year in additional tax revenue; and
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21 WHEREAS, the legalization of sports wagering presents an
22 opportunity to generate significant revenue for Hawaii; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2024, that the Department of Business, Economic
28 Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a Sports
29 Wagering Working Group to conduct an analysis of the potential
30 legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are requested to serve as members of the Sports Wagering Working Group:

- (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism or the Director's designee;
- (2) The President of the Senate or the President's designee;
- (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker's designee;
- (4) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- (5) The Director of Taxation or the Director's designee;
- (6) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee;
- (7) A representative from the Hawaii law enforcement community to be selected by the Director of Law Enforcement; and
- (8) Two representatives of the Sports Betting Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may invite other stakeholders to be members of the Sports Wagering Working Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the analysis, the Sports Wagering Working Group is requested to identify, assess, or recommend:

- (1) The estimated revenue potential of a legal online sports wagering market in Hawaii;
- (2) An appropriate regulatory structure to efficiently implement and oversee online sports betting in the

1 State using the experience of other states with online
2 sports betting;

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4 (3) The consumer protections available for patrons of
5 online sports wagering, including responsible gaming;
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8 (4) The experience of other states in implementing online
9 sports wagering and benefits derived from the
10 legalization of online sports betting; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sports Wagering Working
13 Group is requested to submit a report on its analysis, including
14 any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
20 Development, and Tourism; Attorney General; Director of
21 Taxation; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of
22 Law Enforcement; and Sports Betting Alliance.

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