• Factory, Tollhouse, or Restaurant Type Enterprises: Hawaii Gambling will Lessen Local Economy

- Factory—sells to outsiders. Hawaii has tourist base already; these are insiders from economic perspective. Factory form not apply to Hawaii.
- > Tollhouse—uses its location to take out as much as it brings in. Hawaii has tourist base already. Not HI's case.
- > Restaurant—takes from existing revenue stream, not enlarging it as much as it takes from it. HI's case. Shrinks HI business at same time as adds social costs.

Crime: Review of Economics and Statistics Study

> Approximately 9% of total crime (FBI Index I) due to gambling in counties with Class III gambling.

> 8.6% of property crime; 12.6% of violent crime.

- E.g. For an average county with 100,000 population this implies 615 more larcenies, 325 more burglaries, 272 more auto thefts, 10 more rapes, 65 more robberies, and 100 more aggravated assaults.
- Other studies. Example: Wheeler, et al. (2010)<sup>vi</sup>: "Our results indicate a positive and significant relationship between gaming and crime rates..." "...if gaming expenditure were zero in 2006, income-generating crime would fall by about 10%." Example: Walker (2009) "Virtually all studies of casino communities find that the raw number of reported crimes and arrests increase following the introduction of casinos." But, Example: Grinols-Mustard (2011)<sup>vii</sup> "...national park visitors have no effect on either property or violent crime." Visitor type matters.

## How can we conclude that gambling increase crime?

- > Gambling largely expanded since 1991, a period when crime has decreased substantially.
- > Crime rates drop much more in non-gambling-counties than gambling-counties.
- > In many areas, casino-county crime rates as a fraction of non-gambling-county rates have increased from 2-25% less before casinos entered to much higher after.
- ▶ Indian reservations: Counties that obtained compacts had higher crime rates than noncompact-counties, but the difference was stable until the early 1990s, when the crime rates in compact-counties increased by even more. By 1996 compact-counties have significantly higher crime rates than non-compact counties.

## • Gambling Taxes are Worse than a Conventional Tax Collecting Identical Revenue

- A conventional tax implies social costs per extra dollar collected of \$1.17-\$1.59.
- > Taxes on gambling revenues conservatively cost \$2.28 per dollar of tax collected if the tax rate is 30%.

## When gambling merely transfers dollars from one pocket to another without creating a tangible product we are made poorer.

- Some gamble for recreation (such gamblers are presumably provided recreation value for their lost dollars), but many gamble to acquire money. Instead of creating a product or offering a service to earn money, this second group of gamblers doesn't accomplish anything and yet expects to acquire money.
- > The more people there are who gamble to acquire money, the poorer society is.
- > If everyone gambled to acquire his money, we would all starve.

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