

RE: H.B. No. 614

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 614 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the abatement of gambling activity by including gambling offenses in the nuisance abatement laws under chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure also affords citizens who bring nuisance abatement suits against a place used for gambling the rights and protections of victims and witnesses in criminal proceedings.

The Department of the Attorney General, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling provided testimony in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide law enforcement with an additional tool to protect the public through the abatement of gambling activity and its related ills.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 614 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

| Bill/Resolution No.: | Committee Referral: | Date: | /16/14 | |
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| ☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| JUD Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. RHOADS, Karl (C) | √ | | | |
| 2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC) | | | | |
| 3. BELATTI, Della Au | | | | |
| 4. BROWER, Tom | | | | |
| 5. CREAGAN, Richard | / | | | |
| 6. ITO, Ken | | | | |
| 7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. | | | | |
| 8. LEE, Chris | | | | |
| 9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. • | | | | |
| 10. TSUJI, Clift | | | | |
| 11. WOOLEY, Jessica | 1// | | | - |
| 12. MCDERMOTT, Bob | V | | | |
| 13. THIELEN, Cynthia | | | | |
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| The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: | | | | |
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