
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 commission on gaming to determine if gaming would be feasible in
3 Hawaii and, if so, what form of gaming would be most appropriate
4 for Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a commission on
6 gaming, which shall undertake an independent analysis of the
7 economic and social costs and benefits of gaming in Hawaii,
8 determine if gaming would be feasible in Hawaii, and if so,
9 determine what form of gaming would be most appropriate for
10 Hawaii. The analysis shall include:

11 (1) An assessment of the economic costs and benefits for
12 every form of gaming to the State, including but not
13 limited to the lottery, casino, slots, table games,
14 horse and dog racing, sports betting, bingo, and
15 internet gaming;

16 (2) For each form of gaming assessed pursuant to paragraph
17 (1), a determination of the average revenue



1 disbursement for administrative costs, for prizes and
2 payouts to participants, to retailers and other
3 businesses, and to the State through taxes, fees, and
4 other requirements;

5 (3) The social impacts of gaming, including but not
6 limited to problem gaming, alcohol-related traffic
7 incidents, and other impacts on individuals, families,
8 and communities;

9 (4) Infrastructure impacts, including increased traffic
10 and possible disruption of neighborhoods where casinos
11 might be located;

12 (5) The availability of an adequate labor force, and
13 educational and training opportunities;

14 (6) How gaming might complement or detract from existing
15 businesses, tourism activities, attractions, and
16 Hawaii's unique culture;

17 (7) The role of the public sector, including state and
18 county executive and legislative branches, regarding
19 any legalization of gaming, the related establishment
20 of a regulatory body or bodies, and any additional
21 public policy requirements;



1 (8) The role of the private sector, including but not
2 limited to the casino industry and other affiliated
3 business interests; and

4 (9) Other information that may be deemed appropriate.

5 (b) Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not
6 apply to the selection and terms of commission on gaming
7 members.

8 (c) The members of the commission on gaming shall consist
9 of the following:

10 (1) The director of business, economic development, and
11 tourism, or the director's designee;

12 (2) One senator designated by the president of the senate;

13 (3) One representative designated by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives;

15 (4) One expert on gaming designated by the president of
16 the senate and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives;

18 (5) One member of a community-based or faith-based
19 organization designated by the president of the senate
20 and the speaker of the house of representatives; and



1 (6) At least two other members designated by the president
2 of the senate and the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, with preference granted to:

4 (A) The president of the State of Hawaii Organization
5 of Police Officers, or the president's designee;
6 and

7 (B) Any individual with experience regarding the
8 impact of gaming on government and the economy.

9 (d) The commission on gaming shall be administratively
10 attached to the office of the auditor.

11 SECTION 3. Members of the commission on gaming shall not
12 receive compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed
13 for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in
14 the performance of their duties under this Act.

15 SECTION 4. (a) The commission on gaming shall ensure
16 adequate opportunities for public comment on the results of the
17 analysis, and shall submit the following reports to the governor
18 and the legislature:

19 (1) A preliminary report on the status of the analysis no
20 later than twenty days before the convening of the
21 regular session of 2018; and



1 (2) A final report on the commission's analysis, findings,
 2 and recommendations no later than twenty days before
 3 the convening of the regular session of 2019.

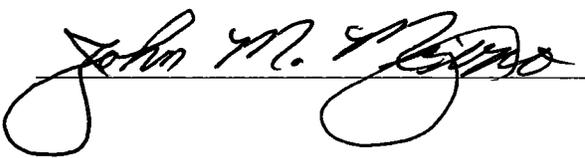
4 (b) The commission on gaming shall be dissolved on
 5 December 31, 2018.

6 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for
 9 the commission on gaming to undertake the analysis described in
 10 this Act, including any contracts for services that may be
 11 necessary for the analysis.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
 13 auditor for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes a commission to analyze the possibility of gaming in Hawaii. Requires a preliminary and a final report to the Governor and Legislature. Dissolves the commission on 12/31/2018. Appropriates funds to undertake the analysis, including contracts for services.

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