
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONVENE A
WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING CASINO
GAMING FACILITIES ON COMMERCIALY ZONED LAND UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT'S JURISDICTION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands was
2 established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as a
3 homesteading program to benefit Native Hawaiians; and
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5 WHEREAS, more than twenty-eight thousand Native Hawaiians
6 are currently on the waiting list for homestead leases; and
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8 WHEREAS, the cost of infrastructure development is more
9 than \$150,000 per homestead lot, in addition to maintenance and
10 utilities upkeep costs for existing lessee communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, at present funding levels, it is estimated that it
13 will take the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands more than one
14 hundred years to provide homestead leases to all of its
15 beneficiaries; and
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17 WHEREAS, the operation of casino gaming facilities on
18 commercially zoned land under the jurisdiction of the Department
19 of Hawaiian Home Lands has been proposed as an additional source
20 of revenue for the Department; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian
25 Home Lands is requested to convene a working group to study the
26 feasibility of operating casino gaming facilities on
27 commercially zoned land under the Department's jurisdiction as
28 an additional source of revenue; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to include the following members:

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- 4 (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or
5 the Chairperson's designee;
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- 7 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
8 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 10 (3) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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- 12 (4) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
13 designee;
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- 15 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
16 Hawaiian Tourism Authority or the Chairperson's
17 designee;
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- 19 (6) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
20 the Senate;
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- 22 (7) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
23 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
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- 25 (8) A community member with experience operating a casino
26 gaming facility, chosen jointly by the Speaker of the
27 House of Representatives and President of the Senate;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
31 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
32 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
33 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
34 of 2022; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
38 Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of Business, Economic
39 Development, and Tourism; Director of Health; Director of Human

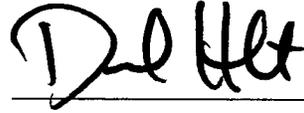


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1 Services; and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
2 Hawaii Tourism Authority.

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