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# HOUSE 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, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested  
25 to convene a working group to study the feasibility of operating  
26 casino gaming facilities on commercially zoned land under the  
27 Department's jurisdiction as an additional source of revenue;  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
31 to include the following members:



