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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature acknowledges the harmful  
2 effects of illegal gambling and drug houses in communities  
3 across the State. These effects include an increase in other  
4 criminal activities such as crimes of violence and sex  
5 trafficking.

6           The legislature believes that rather than attempting to  
7 address these criminal activities in a piecemeal fashion, an  
8 intergovernmental task force encompassing federal, state, and  
9 city agencies should be established to engage in an organized,  
10 collaborative effort to examine relevant issues, determine the  
11 resources needed to address these issues, and devise a  
12 coordinated action plan.

13           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
14 special intergovernmental task force to eradicate illegal  
15 gambling and drug activities and to establish community safe  
16 zones across the State.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of the attorney general for administrative purposes a special  
3 intergovernmental task force to eradicate illegal gambling and  
4 drug activities.

5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) The state attorney general or the attorney general's  
7 designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force;

8 (2) The director of public safety or the director's  
9 designee;

10 (3) The director of transportation or the director's  
11 designee;

12 (4) The respective chiefs of police of the counties of  
13 Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and of the City and County of  
14 Honolulu, or their designees; and

15 (5) The respective directors of the planning or permitting  
16 agencies of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and  
17 of the City and County of Honolulu, or their  
18 designees.

19 (c) Representatives from the following entities shall be  
20 invited to participate by the chair of the task force:



- 1           (1) The office of the United States attorney for the  
2           district of Hawaii, and if participating, the  
3           representative shall be invited to serve as vice chair  
4           of the task force; provided that the state attorney  
5           general shall designate another task force member to  
6           serve as vice chair if necessary;
- 7           (2) The United States Department of Homeland Security;
- 8           (3) The United States Drug Enforcement Agency;
- 9           (4) The Federal Bureau of Investigation; and
- 10          (5) Any governmental or private entity deemed relevant by  
11          the chair of the task force.
- 12          (d) The task force shall dedicate itself to the  
13          eradication of illegal gambling and drug activities in the  
14          State. Accordingly, the task force shall engage in an  
15          organized, collaborative effort to examine relevant issues,  
16          determine the resources needed to address these issues, and  
17          devise a coordinated action plan. In fulfilling its duties  
18          under this subsection, the task force shall consider the  
19          necessary resources and legislative actions that may be  
20          necessary to accomplish the following:



- 1           (1) Establishing, under the department of the attorney  
2           general, a statewide program to identify and eliminate  
3           illegal gambling houses and drug houses; and
- 4           (2) Establishing community safe zones throughout the State  
5           for the purpose of enforcing zoning and other  
6           restrictions on lands that may be used for gambling  
7           activities, including casino gaming, regardless of  
8           whether the activities are legal or illegal; provided  
9           that the task force shall endeavor to establish, at a  
10          minimum, a requirement that lands that may be used for  
11          any type of gambling activity, and any structures  
12          thereupon, be situated more than ten thousand feet  
13          away from churches, schools, and residential areas;  
14          provided further that the task force shall also  
15          endeavor to establish an appropriate enforcement  
16          mechanism for this requirement.
- 17          (e) The chair and vice chair of the task force shall  
18          oversee the activities of the task force and lead the decision-  
19          making of the task force members.
- 20          (f) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
21          and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular session of 2022.

3 (g) The members of the task force shall serve without  
4 compensation and shall receive no reimbursement for expenses.

5 (h) The members of the task force shall not be considered  
6 employees for the purposes of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes, based solely upon their participation in the task  
8 force.

9 (i) The task force shall be dissolved upon adjournment  
10 sine die of the regular session of 2022.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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S.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Gambling; Drugs; Special Intergovernmental Task Force; Community Safe Zones

**Description:**

Establishes a special intergovernmental task force to eradicate illegal gambling and drug activities and to establish community safe zones across the State. Requires a report to the legislature. (SD1)

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