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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, a robust illegal sports betting market thrives in  
2 the absence of a legal, regulated framework; and

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4           WHEREAS, the American Gaming Association estimates that  
5 Americans wager over \$63,000,000,000 each year in the illegal  
6 market with no oversight, consumer protections, or tax revenue  
7 generated; and

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9           WHEREAS, sports wagering is offered safely and responsibly  
10 by reputable operators in jurisdictions where sports wagering is  
11 legal, and these operators implement robust measures with regard  
12 to identity verification, consumer protection, responsible  
13 gaming, and game integrity that are not present in the illegal  
14 market; and

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16           WHEREAS, by channeling this activity into a legal market  
17 and building a robust, responsible, and regulated market for  
18 sports wagering, Hawaii stands to gain millions of dollars each  
19 year in additional tax revenue; and

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21           WHEREAS, the legalization of sports wagering presents an  
22 opportunity to generate significant revenue for Hawaii; now,  
23 therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2024, that the Department of Business, Economic  
28 Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a Sports  
29 Wagering Working Group to conduct a comprehensive analysis of



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1 the potential legalization and regulation of online sports  
2 wagering in Hawaii; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are  
5 requested to serve as members of the Sports Wagering Working  
6 Group:

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8 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
9 Tourism or the Director's designee;

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11 (2) The President of the Senate or the President's  
12 designee;

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14 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the  
15 Speaker's designee;

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17 (4) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's  
18 designee;

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20 (5) The Director of Taxation or the Director's designee;

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22 (6) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the  
23 Director's designee;

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25 (7) A representative from the Hawaii law enforcement  
26 community to be selected by the Director of Law  
27 Enforcement; and

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29 (8) Two representatives of the Sports Betting Alliance;  
30 and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the comprehensive  
33 analysis, the Sports Wagering Working Group is requested to  
34 identify, assess, or recommend:

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36 (1) The estimated revenue potential of a legal online  
37 sports wagering market in Hawaii;

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39 (2) An appropriate regulatory structure to efficiently  
40 implement and oversee online sports betting in the  
41 State using the experience of other states with online  
42 sports betting;



