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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF A STATE LOTTERY.

1 WHEREAS, according to the North American Association of  
2 State and Provincial Lotteries, forty-four states and the  
3 District of Columbia offer lotteries in the United States; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Gallup polls have found that state lotteries are  
6 the most popular form of gambling in the United States, with  
7 roughly half of respondents saying they purchased a lottery  
8 ticket in the past twelve months; and  
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10 WHEREAS, in 2021, Americans spent \$105.26 billion on  
11 lottery tickets, and state governments on average take in about  
12 a third of each lottery jackpot in taxes and revenue; and  
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14 WHEREAS, according to the Tax Foundation, "state lotteries  
15 pay out an average of only 60 percent of gross revenues in  
16 prizes (compared to about 90 percent for casino slot machines or  
17 table games)"; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the few remaining jurisdictions  
20 without a state lottery; and  
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22 WHEREAS, a working group should be convened to study  
23 whether a state lottery would be feasible; now, 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, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
28 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to  
29 convene a working group to examine the feasibility of a state  
30 lottery; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
3 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a  
4 report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no  
5 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
6 Session of 2026; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
10 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

