
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Business, Economic
28 Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a working group
29 to examine the feasibility of a state lottery; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
32 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a



1 report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
2 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
3 Session of 2026; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
7 Development, and Tourism.

