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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A TOURISM AND GAMING WORKING GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, under existing law, gaming, also known as  
2 gambling, is largely prohibited within the State; and  
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4           WHEREAS, legislation to legalize gaming has been introduced  
5 in past legislative sessions; and  
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7           WHEREAS, gaming activities operated within a comprehensive  
8 policy framework may lead to economic growth and provide a  
9 significant source of tax revenue; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Legislature needs useful information,  
12 evaluated and prepared by stakeholders, to properly consider  
13 such a framework; now, therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,  
18 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to establish a  
19 Tourism and Gaming Working Group; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
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24           (1) Review gaming legislation that has been considered by  
25 the Legislature to determine if any proposal has the  
26 potential to be implemented in the State;  
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28           (2) Develop a comprehensive tourism gaming policy  
29 framework that would serve as a catalyst for economic  
30 growth, job creation, capital investment, and a  
31 significant source of tax revenue for the State;



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- 1           (3) Examine the potential for gaming activities at the New  
2 Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and
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- 4           (4) Examine how gaming activities may support the work  
5 conducted by the Department of Business, Economic  
6 Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Tourism  
7 Authority; and
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9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are  
10 requested to serve as members of the working group:

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- 12           (1) The Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate  
13 and House of Representatives under whose purview fall  
14 matters of economic development, who are also  
15 requested to serve as co-chairpersons of the working  
16 group;
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- 18           (2) The President of the Senate, or the President's  
19 designee;
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- 21           (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the  
22 Speaker's designee;
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- 24           (4) A representative from the Department of Business,  
25 Economic Development, and Tourism;
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- 27           (5) A representative from the Department of Law  
28 Enforcement;
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- 30           (6) A representative from the Department of Taxation;
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- 32           (7) One individual having knowledge, experience, and  
33 expertise in the area of labor, to be invited by the  
34 co-chairpersons of the working group;
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- 36           (8) One individual representing Native Hawaiian culture,  
37 to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the working  
38 group;
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- 40           (9) One individual having experience in social services  
41 and behavioral addictions, to be invited by the co-  
42 chairpersons of the working group;



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- 1           (10) One individual possessing academic and research
- 2                   expertise in global tourism, sports, and entertainment
- 3                   industries, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of
- 4                   the working group;
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- 6           (11) One individual from Boyd Gaming Corporation, to be
- 7                   invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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- 9           (12) One individual from DraftKings, Inc., to be invited by
- 10                  the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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- 12           (13) One individual from BetMGM, to be invited by the co-
- 13                  chairpersons of the working group; and
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- 15           (14) Other interested parties having relevant experience
- 16                  and expertise, as invited by the co-chairpersons of
- 17                  the working group; and
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

20 to submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and

21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later

22 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session

23 of 2027; and

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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,

26 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide

27 necessary administrative support to the working group in

28 carrying out its duties, including the preparation of the report

29 to the Legislature; and

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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,

32 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to dissolve the

33 Tourism and Gaming Working Group on June 30, 2028; and

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35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of

37 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Law

38 Enforcement; Director of Taxation; President and Chief Executive

39 Officer of Boyd Gaming Corporation; Chief Executive Officer of

40 DraftKings, Inc.; and Chief Executive Officer of BetMGM.

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