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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established a tourism and gaming  
2 working group within the department of business, economic  
3 development, and tourism for administrative purposes.

4           (b) The working group shall:

5           (1) Review past gaming legislation that has been  
6           considered by the legislature to determine if any have  
7           the potential to be implemented in the State;

8           (2) Develop a comprehensive tourism gaming policy  
9           framework that would serve as a catalyst for economic  
10           activity, employment, investment, and a significant  
11           source of tax revenue for the State;

12           (3) Examine the potential for gaming activities at the New  
13           Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and

14           (4) Examine how gaming activities may support the work  
15           being done by the department of business, economic  
16           development, and tourism and the Hawaii tourism  
17           authority.



- 1 (c) The working group shall consist of the following  
2 individuals:
- 3 (1) The chairs of the senate and house of representatives  
4 standing committees whose subject matter purview  
5 includes economic development, who shall serve as  
6 co-chairpersons of the working group;
  - 7 (2) The senate president, or the senate president's  
8 designee;
  - 9 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives, or the  
10 speaker's designee;
  - 11 (4) One individual from Boyd Gaming Corporation, to be  
12 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
  - 13 (5) One individual from DraftKings Inc., to be invited by  
14 the co-chairpersons of the working group;
  - 15 (6) One individual from MGM Resorts International, to be  
16 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
  - 17 (7) One individual representing Native Hawaiian culture,  
18 to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the working  
19 group;



1 (8) One individual with social services experience dealing  
2 with behavioral addictions, to be invited by the  
3 co-chairpersons of the working group;

4 (9) A representative from the department of business,  
5 economic development, and tourism;

6 (10) A representative from the department of law  
7 enforcement;

8 (11) A representative from the department of taxation; and

9 (12) Other interested parties with relevant experience and  
10 expertise, as invited by the co-chairpersons of the  
11 working group.

12 (d) The members of the working group shall serve without  
13 compensation; provided that members who are employees of the  
14 State and members who do not represent for-profit gaming  
15 organizations shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel  
16 expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. No  
17 member of the working group shall be subject to chapter 84,  
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the member's  
19 participation in the working group.

20 (e) The working group shall submit a report of its  
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

3 (f) The department of business, economic development, and  
4 tourism shall provide necessary administrative support to the  
5 working group in carrying out their duties, including  
6 preparation of the report required pursuant to subsection (e).

7 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2026.

8 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DBEDT; Tourism; Gambling; Gaming; Economic Development; Working Group; Report

**Description:**

Establishes a Tourism and Gaming Working Group within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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