

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1496

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 891
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and
Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Tourism and
Gaming Working Group within the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; Aloha Hālawā District
Partners; Boyd Gaming; Stanford Carr Development; and five
individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to
this measure from four individuals. Your Committees received
comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism; Stadium Authority; Hawai'i Tourism
Authority; Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club; and 'Aiea Community
Association.

Your Committees find that legalizing gaming and gambling
activities could spur economic activity and job creation while
creating an additional source of revenue for the State. Your
Committees further find that the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment
District may offer a prime location for such activities. This

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measure ensures that the State examines the complex relationship between tourism and the potential introduction of legalized gaming and gambling.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Working Group to examine strategies to mitigate gambling addiction and other health harms associated with gambling;
- (2) Requiring the Working Group to examine strategies to mitigate the financial harms associated with gambling;
- (3) Allowing the Co-chairpersons of the Working Group to appoint designees;
- (4) Changing the membership of the Working Group;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 891, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development & Technology and
Tourism,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 891 SD2	Committee Referral: ECD/Tou, FIN	Date: 03/19/25
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)	✓			
2. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann (VC)		✓		
3. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
4. HUSSEY, Ikaika			✓	
5. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
6. TODD, Chris	✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		✓		
TOTAL (7)	4	2	1	—

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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