
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.



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Report Title:

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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.
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