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SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
19 establish a Tourism and Gaming Working Group; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
22 to:
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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;



- (3) Examine the potential for gaming activities at the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District; and
- (4) Examine how gaming activities may support the work conducted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are requested to serve as members of the working group:

- (1) The Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives under whose purview fall matters of economic development, who are also requested to serve as co-chairpersons of the working group;
- (2) The President of the Senate, or the President's designee;
- (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Speaker's designee;
- (4) A representative from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (5) A representative from the Department of Law Enforcement;
- (6) A representative from the Department of Taxation;
- (7) One individual having knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of labor, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
- (8) One individual representing Native Hawaiian culture, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;



- 1 (9) One individual having experience in social services
2 and behavioral addictions, to be invited by the co-
3 chairpersons of the working group;
4 (10) One individual possessing academic and research
5 expertise in global tourism, sports, and entertainment
6 industries, to be invited by the co-chairpersons of
7 the working group;
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9 (11) One individual from Boyd Gaming Corporation, to be
10 invited by the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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12 (12) One individual from DraftKings, Inc., to be invited by
13 the co-chairpersons of the working group;
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15 (13) One individual from BetMGM, to be invited by the co-
16 chairpersons of the working group; and
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18 (14) Other interested parties having relevant experience
19 and expertise, as invited by the co-chairpersons of
20 the working group; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
23 to submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
24 recommendations; including any proposed legislation, no later
25 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
26 of 2027; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
29 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide
30 necessary administrative support to the working group in
31 carrying out its duties, including the preparation of the report
32 to the Legislature; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
35 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to dissolve the
36 Tourism and Gaming Working Group on June 30, 2028; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
40 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Law
41 Enforcement; Director of Taxation; President and Chief Executive



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1 Officer of Boyd Gaming Corporation; Chief Executive Officer of
2 DraftKings, Inc.; and Chief Executive Officer of BetMGM.

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