

Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling:

Who is the HCALG?

HCALG is a non-profit educational organization. It was formed by grassroots Hawai'i citizens committed to educating the people of our islands about the negative economic and social effects of legalized commercial gambling. We are a single-issue organization.

Who are the Members of the HCALG?

The membership comprises a diverse group of nearly 40 civic, law enforcement, religious, and educational organizations. And while our member organizations may not agree on any other topics, they are all in agreement on one thing - educating the public about the negative impact of legalized commercial gambling.

When was the HCALG Formed?

As an unincorporated entity, HCALG began in October 1997. HCALG was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in September of 1999.

Legalized Gambling A Bad Bet For the people of Hawai'I

Repeated national studies provide ample evidence that the people of Hawaii and their elected representatives are akamai, indeed, for their continued rejection of state-sponsored commercial gambling.

Hawaii, Utah and Tennessee remain the only states in the nation where all forms of commercial gambling are illegal. We must work hard to keep it that way!

It doesn't matter what form of gambling is at issue - lotteries, casinos, shipboard, horseracing, cockfighting, or a host of other forms - important facts remain the same.

- Commercial gambling would increase crime in neighborhoods and businesses. (U.S. News & World Report, 1/15/96 - Testimony of HPD, Hawaii State Legislature, Feb. 1997)
- Commercial gambling is a regressive form of taxation, making poor people poorer. (Clotfelter & Cook, Selling Hope, State Lotteries in America Harvard University Press 1989)
- Legalized commercial gambling would create more problem and pathological gamblers in Hawai'i, particularly among our youth. (Report from the Iowa Department of Human Services, 7/28/95, Howard J. Shaffer, "The Emergence of Youthful Gambling and Drugs", Harvard University 1984.)
- Gambling facilities take income away from existing small businesses and local retailers. (University of Illinois Economist Earl Grinols, Test.before U. S. House of Representatives Com.on Small Business, 9/21/94)

· Many state and local economies experienced net monetary losses due to Casino gambling. (Ricardo Gazel, Federal Reserve Bank Economist, Economic impacts of Casino Gambling at state/local level Annals, 1998)

HCALG Member Organizations:

- Advocates for Consumer Rights (Hawaii)
- Buddhist Peace Fellowship-Hawaii Chapter
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Church of Perfect Liberty
- Christian Voice
- Family Resource Center
- First Christian Church
- First Church of Christ Scientist
- First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
- Hale Kipa Youth Services
- Hawaii Assemblies of God
- Hawaii Association of International Buddhists
- Hawaii Baptist Convention
- Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Hawaii District United Methodist Church
- Hawaii Family Forum
- Hawaii Presbyterian Council
- Hawaii State Green Party
- Hawaii Youth Services Network (45 agencies)
- Honolulu Friends Meeting (Quakers)
- Honolulu Police Department
- Immigrant Center
- Institute for Religion and Social Change
- Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
- League of Women Voters of Hawaii
- Life of the Land (Hawaii)
- Muslim