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Subject: Gambling Bill (HB 2251 HD1) Up for Hearing on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

HAWAII FAMILY FORUM



Call To Action

**February 22, 2010
2:00 p.m.**

GAMING IN HAWAII? A VERY BAD BET!

The bill to establish a gaming commission to oversee casino gaming is moving this legislative session. If passed, the bill ([HB 2251 HD1](#)) would allow the gaming commission to issue one 5-year license to a casino gaming operation in a county with a population of more than 500,000. The bill also creates a wagering tax on casino gaming. ([HB2251 HD1 - click to read bill](#)).

CURRENT STATUS OF BILL:

Sadly the bill has already passed the House Judiciary committee and the Committee on Consumer Protection and Finance.

The House Judiciary Committee votes were as follows: The votes were as follows:

10 Ayes: Representative(s) Karamatsu, Ito, Herkes, McKelvey, B. Oshiro, Souki, Tsuji;

Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Cabanilla, Mizuno, Wakai;

4 Noes: Representative(s) Belatti, Morita, Marumoto, Thielen; and

2 Excused: Representative(s) Carroll, Luke.

The House Consumer Protection and Commerce voted as follows:

9 Ayes: Representative(s) Herkes, Ito, Karamatsu, McKelvey, Souki, Tsuji;
Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Wakai, Cabanilla, Mizuno;
4 Noes: Representative(s) Belatti, Morita, Marumoto, Thielen; and
2 Excused: Representative(s) Carroll, Luke.

Right now you have the opportunity to voice your opposition to gambling in Hawaii by contacting the House Finance Committee.

ACTION

1. [Email Finance Chair Representative Marcus Oshiro](#) and [email Vice-Chair Marilyn Lee](#) and tell them you are voters who are strongly opposed to gambling in Hawaii.
2. **Send in testimony in OPPOSITION TO HB 2251 HD1 24 hours prior (TUESDAY at 12:30 pm)** to the hearing with a transmittal cover with the following information: Your name, Testimony Addressed to the Attention of House Finance; Hearing for Wednesday, February 24, 2010 and the bill number (H2251 HD **Please clearly state that you are OPPOSED to HB 2251 HD1**). Submit your written testimony via the WEB at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
3. Show up at the hearing. [Contact Dennis Arakaki](#) if you would like to visit members of the Finance committee and/or your own personal representative. Please also let him know if you plan to be at the hearing.

RESOURCES ON GAMBLING AND ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS:

- [Hawaii Family Forum](#)
- [Bishop Larry Silva Position Statement on Gambling](#)
- [Focus on the Family](#)
- [Research and Testimony from the Experts](#)

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