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Beneficiary Consultation Report Proposed Limited Gaming Legislation

March 15, 2021



Beneficiary Report: Proposed Limited Gaming

1. Recommended Motion / Action

That the Hawaiian Homes Commission accept this Beneficiary Consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary input and feedback relative to the legislative proposal to authorize limited gaming.



2. Discussion and Background

HHC Agenda Item C-1, approved December 22, 2020:

- Legislative proposal to authorize limited casino gaming in the form of a single integrated resort property on DHHL land designated for commercial use
- Generate revenue to address historic funding shortfalls and economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Address existing homestead waitlist that has 28,000 beneficiary applicants and \$6 billion needed for infrastructure costs



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3. Background:

- Beneficiary Consultation Policy requires consultation under four circumstances: (1) Change in a DHHL Island Plan land use designation (2) Adoption of a DHHL Plan (3) Statewide policy or program (4) Long-term non-homestead disposition of DHHL land.
- Legislative proposal received considerable media and public interest. HHC and beneficiaries requested Beneficiary Consultation meetings.
- Beneficiary Consultations were held on:
 1. January 13, 2021: Place-Based Beneficiary Consultation for Kapolei beneficiaries
 2. January 18, 2021: Comprehensive Statewide Beneficiary Consultation
 3. January 19, 2021: Comprehensive Statewide Beneficiary Consultation



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4. Participation: General Public & Beneficiaries

Meeting or Action	Estimated Attendance	No. Self-ID as DHHL Beneficiaries	No. of Questions and/or Comments
January 13, 2021	83	Unknown	29
January 18, 2021	85	Unknown	48
January 19, 2021	65	Unknown	21
Subtotal	233	Unknown	98
30-Day Comment Period	119	20	119
Casino Survey & Additional Feedback	85	79	85
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Subtotal	204	99	260
TOTAL	437	99	358



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5. Summary of Beneficiary Response

	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Neither agree nor disagree/ Provided comments	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree with Proposal	Total No. of Beneficiary Responses Received
30-Day Comment Period	10	0	10	20
Casino Survey	33	11	41	85
TOTAL RESPONSES	43	11	51	105
PERCENTAGE	41%	10%	49%	100%

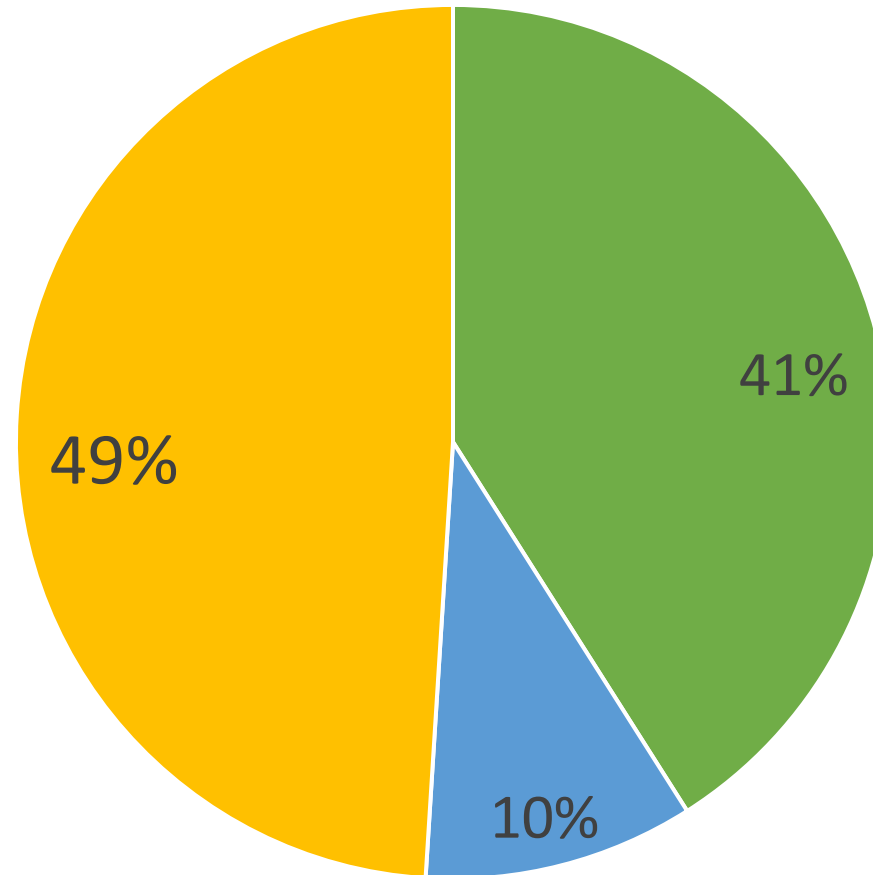


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6. Beneficiary Consultation Results

49% Disagree with proposal:

- Increases social ills, such as crime, poverty and addiction
- Land should be used for homesteads
- Opens opportunity for other tribal casinos in Hawai'i
- Should of been given more time to consider the proposal
- Create other new industries or options (marijuana, lottery)



41% Agree with proposal:

- Increases community benefits, such as funding for education, programs and development
- Addresses DHHL waitlist
- Negative impacts are unfounded
- Need to try something new

10% Neither Agree nor Disagree with proposal



7. Reasons why beneficiaries **OPPOSE** gaming:

- Increases social ills, such as crime, poverty and addiction
- DHHL beneficiaries will not benefit from a casino
- DHHL should develop other revenue opportunities instead of a casino, such as a lottery or cannabis production
- Disrespects Hawaiian Homes Commission Act/Prince Kuhio's legacy
- Land should be used for homesteads. Remove businesses on DHHL commercial land and construct homesteads.



8. Reasons why beneficiaries **SUPPORT** gaming:

- Revenue will address the existing waitlist
- Supports community benefits, including Hawaiian programs, education, development, maintenance/repairs and beneficiaries.
- In addition to gaming, create a lottery. These new industries will improve the quality of life, provide opportunities to pay off personal bills, and become independent from government assistance.



Recommendation

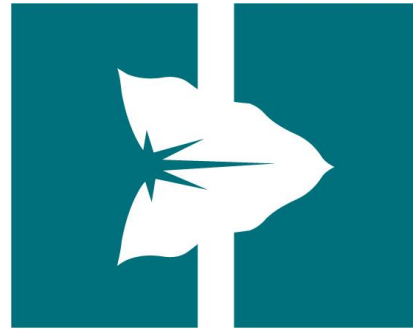
9. Recommendation

Therefore, the motion is for the Hawaiian Homes Commission to:

Accept the Beneficiary Consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary input and feedback relative to the proposed legislation that would authorize limited casino gaming in the form of a single integrated resort property in Kapolei, Island of O’ahu.



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