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# Slot Machine Casino Gambling



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## **Introduction to [Hawaii Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#)**

*Hawaii slot machine casino gambling* is among the most uncompromising of any U.S. state. Hawaii prohibits all forms of gambling, including slot machines, table games, lotteries, horse or dog racing, sports betting, or even bingo.

Social gaming is allowed, with restrictions, which can potentially be extended to other types of games such as craps.

The primary reason Hawaii has not embraced gambling is that there's no profit in it. The potential increase of state tax revenue is estimated to be between \$20 million and \$40 million.

However, Hawaii's generated revenue from [tourism](#) is \$1 billion. Simply put, Hawaii doesn't need gambling money.

This post continues the weekly blog series "[Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State](#)", a year-long online resource project dedicated to guiding slot machine gambling enthusiasts to success.

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Hawaii slot machine casino gambling: Tourism is a \$1 billion per year industry in Hawaii.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Hawaii\*

“Social gaming” is the only type of gambling that can be enjoyed without breaking the law. Craps may potentially be allowed as some view it to fall under this category.

According to the law, social gaming is allowed when:

- All participants must be 18 years or older.
- No corporation may benefit from the game, which prohibits the sale of food and drinks at such events.
- All players begin the game on level terms.
- The house does not receive a percentage of the profits.
- The game may not be conducted inside a business or in view of the public.

Gambling in Hawaii is considered a misdemeanor offence under most circumstances. It can become a felony if an individual receives more than

- \$1,000 per day in lottery bet income

- five bookmaking wagers per day with a value over \$500

Daily fantasy sports have come under scrutiny from lawmakers, who have gone on the public record as expressing their opinion that it is gambling.

\*The purpose of this section is to inform the public of state gambling laws and how the laws apply to various forms of gambling. This information is not intended to provide legal advice.



Hawaii slot machine casino gambling: Hawaiian hula dancers.

## **Slot Machine Private Ownership in Hawaii**

All machines are prohibited.

## **Gaming Control Board in Hawaii**

None yet established.



Hawaii slot machine casino gambling: The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality and luxury, inspired by its historical rarity.

## **Casinos in Hawaii**

Horse racing was once popular on the islands, enjoyed by the royal family and the financial elite in the 1800s and early 1900s. The industry nearly died out prior to 1920, but made a strong, if short-lived, comeback during World War II.



Hawaii slot machine casino gambling: A steady pour of lava from the Kilauea Volcano.

## Summary of [Hawaii Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#)

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For the moment, possible exceptions include social gaming, daily fantasy sports, and online casino activities.



Hawaii slot machine casino gambling: Astronomical observatories near the summit of Mauna

Kea, including a 2.2-meter telescope.

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## Other State-By-State Articles from Professor Slots

- Main: [Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State](#)
- Previous: [Guam Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#) - The U.S. Territory of Guam is situated in Micronesia in the Western Pacific. Most forms of gambling are illegal, including Guam slot machine casino gambling. Betting on greyhound racing is allowed. However, in November of 2008, the only pari-mutuel facility, the Guam Greyhound Park closed after 32 years of operation.
- Next: [Idaho Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#) - Idaho slot machine casino gambling currently consists of seven tribal casinos, each of which offers video games such as electronic pull-tab and slot-like bingo machines. Some of these casinos also offer video poker, video keno, video roulette, and electronic blackjack table games. There is no minimum payout return.