Leading lawmaker: Odds against legalized casinos - Houston Chronicle

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GALVESTON, Texas — The head of the Texas House Republican caucus says legislation to legalize casino-style wagering in Texas is unlikely to pass this session.

State Rep. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, says "the votes just aren't there."

Legalized casino-style gambling had been suggested by some as a possible new revenue source for state

budget-writers facing an immense revenue shortfall.

But Taylor tells the Galveston County Daily News that gambling interests can't agree on what form legislation should take. He says lawmakers aren't even discussing the issue until some consensus is reached.

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