
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

1 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts contests originated in Brazil
2 in the early 1900s, rose to popularity in the United States in
3 the early 1990s, and are now sanctioned in at least 39 states;
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6 WHEREAS, the definition of a mixed martial arts contest is
7 not clearly defined, and has been described as a mix of tae kwon
8 do, boxing, wrestling, and judo, and involves a pair of skilled
9 athletes who attempt to inflict the most physical injury to
10 obtain a knockout, technical knockout, or submission of the
11 other opponent; and

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13 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts contests are sometimes confused
14 with toughman contests, which are "no holds barred" or "no
15 rules" contests, and are banned in Hawaii; and

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17 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts is a full contact sport with
18 inherent dangers, and regulation of the sport would protect the
19 health, safety, and welfare of the participants; and

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21 WHEREAS, the regulation of mixed martial arts contests
22 would legitimize the sport and recognize its growing popularity;
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25 WHEREAS, Section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
26 that "New regulatory measures being considered for enactment
27 that, if enacted, would subject unregulated professions and
28 vocations to licensing or other regulatory controls shall be
29 referred to the auditor for analysis;" and

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31 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 3223 H.D. 1, introduced during the 2006
32 Regular Session, proposes to regulate mixed martial arts
33 contests; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to perform a sunrise review of the regulation of mixed martial arts contests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

