

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1866  
H.D. 3  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health and safety of those participating in mixed martial arts contests by:

- (1) Providing the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Director of DCCA) comprehensive authority to regulate mixed martial arts contests;
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds for the operational and administrative expenses of regulating mixed martial arts contests; and



- (3) Prohibiting no rules combat, extreme or ultimate fighting, and other similar contests.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing references to "ultimate fighting" to avoid infringing on the intellectual property rights of a private corporation;
- (2) Deleting the provision prohibiting the granting of licenses to contestants or promoters unless they have authorized the Hawaii Criminal Data Justice Center to release a criminal history record check to the Director of DCCA;
- (3) Prohibiting the granting of licenses to promoters unless the promoter has submitted a criminal abstract on the promoter to the Director of DCCA;
- (4) Changing the funding source for the appropriation from general funds to the Compliance Resolution Fund (CRF), and appropriating \$130,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 and \$205,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009 out of the CRF for the operational and administrative expenses of regulating mixed martial arts contests; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
 BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

  
 RYAN I. YAMANE, Co-Chair



  
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