

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1866
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1866 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health and safety
of contestants engaged in mixed martial arts contests and to
provide comprehensive oversight of mixed martial arts contests by:

- (1) Establishing the Mixed Martial Arts Commission of Hawaii
to regulate mixed martial arts contests; and
- (2) Prohibiting no rules combat, extreme or ultimate
fighting, and other similar contests.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. The
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:


- (1) Clarifying that promoters may apply for an annual
license that is required to conduct, hold, or give mixed
martial arts contests;
- (2) Changing the amounts of the fees required of licensed
promoters to unspecified amounts to promote further
discussion;



- (3) Removing timekeepers, judges, and seconds from the licensing requirements;
- (4) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2025, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1866, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism & Culture,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1866		Date: 2/3/07		
Committee Referral: TAC, CPC/JUD, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration		
TAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MANAHAN, Joey (VC)	✓	✓		
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.		✓		
4. BROWER, Tom				✓
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.				✓
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL	8	1		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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