

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3030

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 3030 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to properly and effectively
implement the regulation, licensing, and oversight of mixed
martial arts contests by establishing a fee structure to fund
mixed martial arts licensing program.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Increases the percentage imposed on gate receipts of
professional mixed martial arts contests to cover the
administrative costs of managing the program once
regulation begins on July 1, 2009;
- (2) Allows the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
to impose an additional surcharge on promoters to cover
projected start-up expenses for fiscal years 2007-2008
and 2008-2009; and
- (3) Clarifies that the two per cent of the gross receipts
from subscription or admission fees for simultaneous
telecasts of a contest or event allowed under Act 279,
Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, also applies to pay-per-
view telecasts and is not restricted to telecasts in
Hawaii.



Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

The Auditor conducted a sunrise analysis regarding the regulation of mixed martial arts contests and as a result, the Legislature enacted Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. While Act 279 outlined the licensing regulatory scheme for mixed martial arts contests, promoters, and contest participants, and set forth numerous other provisions relating to regulating mixed martial arts, it failed to provide the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs with general funds to support effective start-up and implementation of this complex licensing program. Your Committee finds that establishing a fee structure to fund mixed martial arts regulation will enable the Department to support and implement the mixed martial arts licensing program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

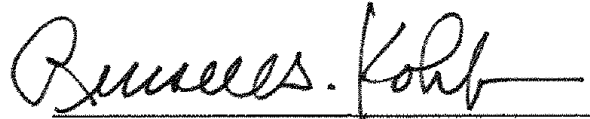
- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050 to ensure further discussion and input regarding the proposed fee structure by the Committee on Ways and Means; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

Your Committee believes that this measure, as amended, fulfills the intent of this measure, which is to properly and effectively implement the regulation, licensing, and oversight of mixed martial arts contests.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3030, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3030, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
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<i>SB 3030</i>	<i>CPH, WAM</i>	<i>2/8/08</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon		✓		
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>3</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Will Espew</i>				
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