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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 298.

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 298, regarding the **reappointment** of Henry Sasaki to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Sasaki's reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Sasaki has been active in the professional and amateur sport of boxing for the past fifty years. In addition to coaching and training boxers, he has held various leadership roles for the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation, Inc.

Mr. Sasaki has attended every meeting and has been an active and enthusiastic participant in Commission discussions. He has been able to objectively evaluate the issues facing the Commission while balancing the interests of consumers and

licensees. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Commission's efforts to effectively oversee boxing in Hawaii.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Sasaki to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 3, 2008

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE HENRY SASAKI SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII

Testimony for Henry Sasaki

Governor's Message 298

Chairman Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT for the Confirmation of Henry Sasaki as a commissioner of the State Boxing Commission. Mr. Sasaki has been associated with Amateur and Professional Boxing for 44 years in Hawaii where he served as an amateur boxing coach and trainer. Mr. Sasaki comes with many years of experience and professional insight in the sport and also was the past President of the Amateur Boxing Association and held various positions within amateur boxing in Hawaii. He has also managed and trained boxers and was also licensed by the State Boxing Commission. The knowledge and experience accrued during his 44 years have contributed to the health and welfare of boxers in this state.

I am confident with his years of experience and if given this appointment, he will do his utmost to continue the administration of the regulations and uphold the high standards expected of the State Boxing Commission.

Aloha ke Akua,

Michael Y. Magaoay
Majority Whip
Chair, Committee on Legislative Management
District 46



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 31, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection & Affordable Housing
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Kokubun and Ige:

It is an honor and pleasure for me to write on behalf of Mr. Henry Sasaki, a nominee for reappointment to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission (HSBC).

I have known Mr. Sasaki since 1975 when I was the president of the Big Island Boxing Association. He was very active in the sport as a coach and trainer for amateur boxing. Additionally, he was licensed by the HSBC and managed and trained professional boxers. Mr. Sasaki's long-term commitment and love for the sport of boxing, as well as, his strong desire to serve on the Commission have earned my highest regard.

Furthermore, as Mr. Sasaki already serves as a member of the HSBC, his reappointment would facilitate continuity of his knowledge of this Board's business at hand.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Henry Sasaki to continue to serve on the HSBC.

Sincerely,

JERRY L. CHANG
State Representative
2nd District



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 4, 2008

To Chair Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair David Ige and the members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing:

I submit this letter in support of the nomination for Henry Sasaki to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

I personally know Henry Sasaki since 2003, as I worked with his son, Sanford Sasaki, at the Hawaii State Capitol. Mr. Sasaki is the current Commissioner of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (2004-2008). In fact, it is my understanding that Mr. Sasaki has been associated with Amateur and Professional Boxing for 44 years in Hawaii. Mr. Sasaki has also served as a boxing coach in both the amateur and professional levels of boxing and in leadership positions while with the State Amateur Boxing Club, Oahu Amateur Boxing Association, United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation, Golden Gloves of Hawaii, and the U.S. Amateur Boxing Inc.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is with great pleasure that I recommend Henry Sasaki with complete confidence that he will continue to serve the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii with his outstanding experience and leadership

Mahalo in advance to your kind consideration and if you have any questions please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

John M. Mizuno
State Representative, House District 30

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To: testimony
Subject: Henry Sasaki's Re-appointment to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission

Date: April 3, 2008

TO: Senator Russell Kokubun
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Affordable Housing

From: Felipe "Jun" Abinsay
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Aloha Chair Kokubun and members of the Committee,

This testimony is in strong support of Mr. Henry Sasaki's confirmation for his re-appointment as member of the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

I have no doubt in my mind that the Boxing Commission of the State of Hawaii is very fortunate to have him as one of its members because of his many years of experience in the field of Boxing especially as a trainer for very young fighters.

Mr. Sasaki's commitment to Boxing is indeed very commendable because aside from being a visionary, he's always concerned about maintaining a good reputation of the game and his willingness to share his professional advice especially to young fighters including much needed support from their parents. He always instill in the minds of young people not only to excel in their chosen field of endeavor but always remember to develop and exemplify good character in whatever they do in life.

Personally, having been associated with Mr. Sasaki as a friend and co-chair of my political campaigns for many years, I have been a recipient of his many good deeds especially his commitment, honesty and very caring attitudes. Early on in my political career, I would say that he effectively taught me the true meaning and value of sharing, trust and loyalty aside from being a volunteer who is so easy to work with.

May I humbly request for your favorable recommendation to Mr. Sasaki's quest for re-appointment in the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. I strongly believe that he will continue to be an asset to the commission.

Sincerely,

Jun Abinsay

April 3, 2008

Dear Senator Russell Kokubun-Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
and Affordable Housing

My name is Ben Villaflor, and I am submitting a letter of support for Mr. Henry Sasaki for the nomination as a member of the Hawaii Boxing Commission. I have known Mr. Sasaki for approximately fifteen years, where I held a position as the vice-chair of Hawaii's Boxing Commission for four years. Mr. Sasaki at that time was a trainer for the "Amateur Teen Boxing Association," where young men in Hawaii were aspiring to fight in the olympics.

In my association with Henry Sasaki, I have found him to be an honest, dedicated, and committed individual. His love of boxing and his concern for our young people in Hawaii was evident in his discipline, training, and conditioning of our young athletes. As a former athlete, I can testify that Mr. Sasaki exemplified all the characteristics of a great and caring trainer and coach. Many of our young boxers in the past have benefited from his expertise.

I highly recommend Mr. Henry Sasaki as a potential member of Hawaii's Boxing Commission. I believe that he is the epitome of excellence in this particular sport. He would be a positive role model to our future boxers and will be able to help promote and revive the spirit of boxing in our islands.

I humbly thank-you for reading my letter of recommendation and hope that you will consider and approve Mr. Henry Sasaki as a possible candidate for the Hawaii Boxing Commission.

Sincerely,



Ben C. Villaflor
Former WBA Jr. Lightweight Champion of the World