

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1744

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 16, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 171

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 171 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING AMATEUR BOXING FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request that the Auditor study the feasibility of removing amateur boxing from the jurisdiction of the State Boxing Commission, resulting in amateur boxing being regulated by USA Boxing, Inc.

The Auditor is also requested, as part of its study, to solicit information from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii chapter of USA Boxing, Inc., the Boxing Commission, amateur boxing coaches in the State, and amateur boxing clubs in the State.

Furthermore, the Auditor is requested to submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010.

Opposing testimony was submitted by the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, representatives from various boxing organizations provided testimony in support, and an individual involved in the boxing community shared comments in reference to this concurrent resolution.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 171 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING
AMATEUR BOXING FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOXING
COMMISSION OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii is a board
2 established within the Department of Commerce and Consumer
3 Affairs; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Boxing Commission is vested with the
6 jurisdiction to regulate professional and amateur boxing within
7 the State; and

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9 WHEREAS, in accordance with section 440-30, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, the Boxing Commission has delegated supervision and
11 control of amateur boxing within the State to USA Boxing, Inc.;
12 and

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14 WHEREAS, USA Boxing, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that
15 is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the
16 national governing body for the sport of amateur boxing in the
17 United States; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Boxing Commission has presented testimony
20 stating that USA Boxing, Inc. is the organization with "the most
21 knowledge and experience in amateur boxing"; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Office of the Auditor is the governmental body
24 that conducts sunset reviews to determine whether regulatory
25 programs are unnecessary to protect the public health, safety,
26 and welfare; and

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28 WHEREAS, one of the criteria the Auditor considers in a
29 sunset review is whether protections, other than the regulatory
30 program in question, already exist that provide adequate
31 protection to consumers; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 3 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 4 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
 5 study the feasibility of removing amateur boxing from the
 6 jurisdiction of the State Boxing Commission, resulting in
 7 amateur boxing being regulated by USA Boxing, Inc.; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested, as
 10 part of its study, to solicit information from the Department of
 11 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii chapter of USA Boxing,
 12 Inc., the Boxing Commission, amateur boxing coaches in the
 13 State, and amateur boxing clubs in the State; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 16 submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
 17 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 18 Session of 2010; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
 22 Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, the
 23 Director of the Hawaii chapter of USA Boxing, Inc., and the
 24 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs who in turn is
 25 requested to disseminate the contents of this Concurrent
 26 Resolution to amateur boxing coaches and amateur boxing clubs in
 27 the State.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII STATE BOXING COMMISSION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Thursday, April 23, 2009
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 171 – REQUESTING
THAT THE AUDITOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING AMATEUR BOXING
FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Herbert B. Minn and I am the Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (“Commission”). The Commission thanks you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to H.C.R. No. 171.

The purpose of H.C.R. No. 171 is to request the auditor to study the feasibility of removing amateur boxing from the jurisdiction of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

The Commission opposes H.C.R. No. 171 because amateur boxing needs oversight from the Commission to protect the health, safety, and well being of amateur boxers. The Commission has the authority under §440-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delegate control and supervision of amateur boxing to a recognized national amateur athletic association subject to rules as may be prescribed by the Commission. Currently, the Commission has delegated this oversight to USA Boxing Hawaii. In the past the Commission has stepped in when it was alleged that a minor was matched in a

bout with an adult. As a result, the Commission now requires amateur boxing to submit prior to the event, a bout sheet which lists the birth dates of the contestants. The Commission also requires the submission of proof of medical insurance for each amateur event. In California, when the California Athletic Commission reacted to reports that venues in northern California staged amateur boxing shows involving minors where gambling was involved, it took the unusual step of stripping USA Boxing of its ability to regulate amateur boxing in the state. The "USA Boxing" in California is the same national organization that has jurisdiction in Hawaii.

The Commission believes in order to protect the health and well being of amateur boxers in Hawaii, it should continue to have oversight of amateur boxing. Therefore, we respectfully request that this concurrent resolution be held.

Thank you for allowing us to present our perspectives on H.C.R. No. 171.