

Honolulu, Hawaii

F0426, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2639
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2639, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure better regulation of mixed martial arts (MMA) contests and protect the health and safety of contestants in MMA contests by, among other things:

- (1) Regulating amateur MMA by placing it under the regulation for MMA enforced by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA);
- (2) Allowing DCCA to delegate the supervision of amateur MMA to a recognized amateur MMA association;
- (3) Requiring individuals to be at least 18 years of age to participate as an amateur MMA contestant or to apply for a license as a professional MMA contestant;
- (4) Requiring all amateur MMA contestants to pass a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician prior to engaging in an MMA contest;
- (5) Removing the current statutory requirement that a promoter of an MMA contest be solely responsible for the



expense of providing a medical report of each contestant to the Director of DCCA prior to the contest;

- (6) Removing the current statutory requirement that an MMA contest be under the control of a licensed referee with at least one year of experience in refereeing an MMA match;
- (7) Repealing or changing the schedule of event fees that are charged to an MMA promoter; and
- (8) Repealing additional surcharge fees charged for the license renewal of MMA promoters.

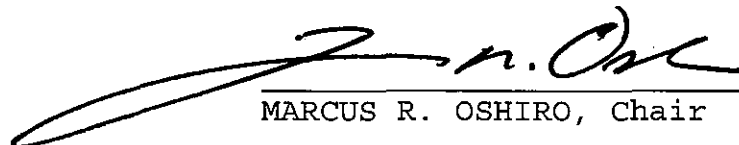
A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2639, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2639, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



