

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 11, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2399
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 1, 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 regulate Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) contests by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to regulate amateur MMA;
- (2) Allowing DCCA to delegate the control and supervision of amateur MMA contests to a recognized national amateur MMA association;
- (3) Defining "amateur mixed martial arts contestant" and "professional mixed martial arts contestant";
- (4) Clarifying that amateur MMA contests shall not offer monetary compensation;
- (5) Clarifying that amateur MMA contestants must be at least 18 years of age;
- (6) Changing the event fees charged to a licensed promoter;

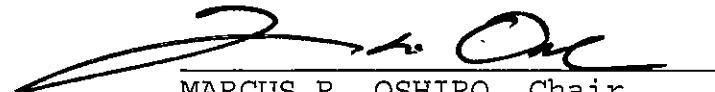


- (7) Requiring individuals to be at least 18 years of age to apply for a license as a professional MMA contestant;
- (8) Exempting amateur MMA contestants from the licensing requirements;
- (9) Requiring amateur MMA contestants to pass a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician prior to engaging in an MMA contest; and
- (10) Repealing additional surcharge fees charged to promoters during their license renewal period for deposit into the Compliance Resolution Fund.

DCCA and two concerned individuals provided comments.

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 S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



