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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
HAWAII STATE BOXING COMMISSION**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
1:15 p.m.**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 67 – RELATING TO THE STATE BOXING  
COMMISSION OF HAWAII.**

**TO THE HONORABLE CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Herbert B. Minn and I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Boxing Commission (“Commission”). The Commission thanks you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to S.B. No. 67, relating to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

The bill proposes to amend the composition of the Commission to include at least one member who is a member of Golden Gloves of America, Inc.

The Commission opposes S.B. No. 67 because Section 440-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes already requires that one member of the Commission be a member of USA Boxing Inc. USA Boxing Inc. is the national governing body of amateur boxing and is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. In Hawaii, the majority of the local boxing clubs are members of USA Boxing Inc., as it provides insurance for amateur boxing events in Hawaii. There are twenty-one geographic regions (comprising of at least thirty-five states and all branches of the military) designated by USA Boxing, Inc. that recognize amateur boxing. The Golden Gloves of America, Inc. however, is a national organization which authorizes franchises of which there are less than twenty-

five participating states and it is not a national governing body of amateur boxing. It is our understanding that most of the local boxing clubs are not members of the Hawaii Golden Gloves franchise. Thus, if this amendment should pass, it would be more difficult to find a qualified applicant from a small pool of candidates. USA Boxing Inc. has designated Golden Gloves as its own region and thus, they are already a part of USA Boxing. The current Hawaii franchise holder of Golden Gloves chooses not to be a member of the Hawaii Chapter of USA Boxing. For these reasons, the Commission believes that amateur boxing is sufficiently represented by a USA Boxing member on the Commission. The addition of Golden Gloves to the Commission would only duplicate the role of the USA Boxing member.

The Commission thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 67.