

GM770

SNOOKY FUJIKAWA

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, SNOOKY FUJIKAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i

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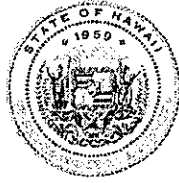
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 770
SNOOKY FUJIKAWA

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 770 regarding the appointment of Snooky Fujikawa to the Board of Boxing Commission ("Board"). The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

Mr. Fujikawa is the owner of Mono E Mono Boxing, LLC, and is a certified personal trainer with over 21 years of experience in the boxing industry, including serving as a boxing second and as a coach. With his extensive background, Mr. Fujikawa looks forward to bringing fresh ideas to the commission and to supporting initiatives that will revitalize the profession.

Mr. Fujikawa previously served as a Board member for Special Olympics Hawaii and as a member of Friends of Hickam AFB. As a board member, he gained familiarity with board processes and governance issues.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Fujikawa will prove to be an asset to the State and to this Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

March 29, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
5th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Vice Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
10th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 239
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators:

I am writing to strongly recommend Snooky Fujikawa for appointment to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i. I have had the privilege of knowing Snooky for over five years and have personally benefited from his work as a trainer and coach in the sport of boxing for the past three years. Snooky is a true professional and has devoted his life to sharing his passion for boxing with others as a means to improve their overall health and well being. He is an outstanding coach and inspires his clients to participate in boxing as a means of gaining confidence, improving fitness and enhancing mental dexterity. Many, including me, have learned much from his extensive knowledge and boxing skills. He is an excellent teacher and communicator and tailors his training to best meet the goals and expectations of his clients. He knows how to make boxing fun which ensures his clients remain committed to participating in his classes and improve their well being.

Snooky loves boxing and his enthusiasm for the sport is tangible. It defines him. Boxing is an incredible and colorful sport and Snooky works hard to give others the opportunity to experience this most challenging sport. Whether a client just wants to learn the fundamentals of boxing or truly aspires to become a professional Snooky respects everyone and their efforts. Through his training, he helps his clients understand that focus, coordination, power, speed and endurance a boxer must have. He motivates and pushes his clients to train hard and believe in themselves. Working with Snooky, one learns firsthand that boxing is a sport that rewards those who work hard and overcome obstacles.

Snooky has great integrity and has an entrepreneurial spirit that will enable him to contribute greatly as a member of the State Boxing Commission. He is committed to excellence and constant improvement and will have new and creative ideas for challenges and opportunities which may arise in the sport in our state. His experience as a business person as well as a boxing coach and trainer will bring a fresh, unique perspective to the commission and I'm sure he would be an outstanding addition to the commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger J. Wall
Vice Chairman
Foodland Super Market, Ltd.

March 31, 2012

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular session of 2012

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 770
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Dear Senators Baker and Taniguchi and committee members;

Thank you for your consideration of Snooky Bishop Fujikawa for a seat on the state boxing commission.

Mr. Fujikawa's more than 20 years in and around the sport, deep understanding of its nuances and considerable passion for boxing would make him a worthy addition to this regulatory body.

He has the highest commitment to safety and ethical practices, historically areas of much concern in this sport.

To have observed the manner in which Mr. Fujikawa has taught the sport to our state's youth over the years is to understand that he views boxing as something that transcends the ring. He uses it as a vehicle to teach discipline, respect, hard work and goal-setting.

I have observed our state's boxing commission and others for more than 30 years and, knowing Mr. Fujikawa to be a humble, down-to-earth, well-reasoned individual, believe he would bring much to this commission.

Sincerely,

Ferd Lewis
Sports Writer

**TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair of the Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and
Members of the Committee**

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 770

**My name is Carole Ikeda and I am writing in support of Governor's
Message No. 770, nominating Mr. Snooky Fujikawa to the State Boxing
Commission.**

**Snooky Fujikawa has been my boxing coach for over 5 years.
During that time, I have come to respect him for his knowledge of, his
commitment to and his appreciation of the sport of boxing. I have also
come to know him on a personal level and believe him to be fair, honest
and forthright in his dealings with people.**

**As a boxing coach, Snooky Fujikawa is organized, thorough, and
disciplined in his approach to the sport. He is also flexible and able to
tailor his coaching to men, women and youth of all ages and abilities. I
believe that these traits are indicative of his abilities to carry out the duties
and responsibilities of the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.**

**Overall, Snooky Fujikawa has the knowledge, skill and experience to
be a valuable member of the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. Just as
important, he is articulate and has a realistic understanding of the sport of
boxing as a profession.**

**I hope your Committee will recommend Senate approval of the
nomination of Snooky Fujikawa to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.**

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Testimony in SUPPORT of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 770
SNOOKY FUJIKAWA's Confirmation to the
State Boxing Commission of Hawaii

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
April 3, 2012
9:30AM, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

I am writing in my personal capacity in support of Governor's Message 770 appointing Snooky Fujikawa to the State Boxing Commission.

I have been a close personal friend of Mr. Fujikawa for 15 years. Over the last 9 years, we have been training together as workout partners so I see him every morning at 6:00 a.m. If there is any true test of friendship and any way that you truly get to know someone, committing and interacting four to five times a week for 9 years before sunrise, has to be one of them. I can say that through all of that, he has become one of my closest friends, having seen me at my best, and sometimes at my worst (yes, I admit, I am not my normally chipper and happy self at 6:00 a.m.) I can speak to his character, and know that he is someone I am willing to stand behind without any reservation.

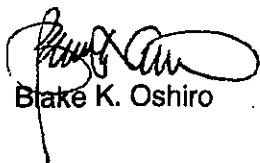
Mr. Fujikawa has also coached and trained me in boxing. I found him to be an excellent coach, well skilled and able to communicate and train even someone like me with limited skills and hand-eye coordination. Any faltering or inconsistency or giving up of the boxing training was my own, and not due to him.

In all seriousness, Mr. Fujikawa has a true passion to the sport and has dedicated the last few years to coaching others to spread his knowledge, appreciation and love for the sport. He is not simply a participant and coach, he is committed to seeing that the sport stays true to its long history and roots, and he is dedicated to ensuring proper safety and regulations so that the legacy of our local boxing greats resonates into Hawaii's boxing future.

I am confident that he will be a fair and thoughtful commissioner and I hope that you will support his appointment.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Blake K. Oshiro

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March 24, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
5th Senator District
Hawaii State Capitol Room 231
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

My name is Snooky Bishop Fujikawa and I have been nominated for the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

I am the owner and operator of Mono E Mono Boxing, a certified personal training operation utilizing a boxing platform. In addition, I have been licensed by the State Boxing Commission as a Boxing Second and have 21 years of boxing experience.

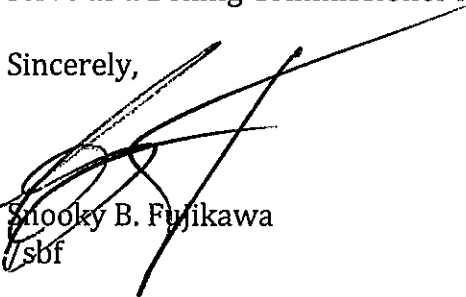
As a Commissioner, I hope to use my knowledge and experience to further develop and re-energize the sport of Boxing in Hawaii.

I feel I will also be able to significantly contribute based on my previous business experience in strategic planning, successful collaboration to drive results, marketing and promoting products and services for various business organizations.

I would be honored to be a Commissioner, which will enable me to be of service in the community and support a sport that has made a difference in my life and has allowed me to share my passion for boxing with others.

Thank you for your consideration and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a Boxing Commissioner for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Snooky B. Fujikawa
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