

GM773

BIENVENIDO

VILLAFLO

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

Report Title: State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i

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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. 773
BIENVENIDO VILLAFLORES

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. 771 regarding the appointment of Bienvenido Villaflores to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii ("Board"). The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

Mr. Villaflor is a former boxer who was the WBA world Junior Lightweight (now called Super Featherweight) champion during part of the 1970's. He has a long and distinguished career as a successful boxer and was a major factor in sparking local enthusiasm for this sport. Mr. Villaflor is currently working as the sergeant-at-arms at the Hawaii State Legislature.

Mr. Villaflor previously served on the Boxing Commission for two terms, from July 1988 through June 1996. In that capacity, he has extensive experience with the applicable workings of the Commission. Mr. Villaflor looks forward to revitalizing an industry that has been on the wane recently.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Villaflor 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.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM773

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Ben Villaflor to the State Boxing Commission.

Ben Villaflor is extremely qualified to serve as a member of the State Boxing Commission. Mr. Villaflor is a former two-time WBA junior lightweight champion of the world. Mr. Villaflor was recently named one of the greatest Filipino boxers of all time by Ring Magazine, the "Bible of Boxing". He is exceptionally knowledgeable about the sport and is highly respected in the boxing community. With his experience and knowledge Mr. Villaflor will provide a unique perspective to the State Boxing Commission.

Mr. Villaflor is someone who I greatly respect both as a former world champion boxer and as our Senate Sgt-in-Arms. It is an honor to submit testimony on his behalf.

I hope that the Committee on Consumer Protection will support the confirmation of Ben Villaflor to the State Boxing Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ben Villaflor.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:


As a local boxing fan I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Ben Villaflor to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i.

Ben Villaflor is highly qualified for the position. Mr. Villaflor has had a brilliant career as both a boxer and a public servant. He is a former two-time WBA junior lightweight champion of the world and in August 2011 was voted Ring Magazine's No. 9 Greatest Filipino Boxer of All Time. He has also served diligently and humbly as your Senate Sergeant-At-Arms for over 30 years.

In his professional careers at both a boxer and public servant Mr. Villaflor has shown the leadership, integrity, passion and humility that's needed to serve on the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i. He commands a respect in the boxing community that is unrivaled not only because of who he was inside the ring but more importantly who he is outside of it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ben Villaflor.

Sincerely,



Erik Chun

TESTIMONY
OF
BIENVENIDO C. VILLAFLOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (CPN)
MARCH 13, 2012

Submitting personal statement for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bienvenido C. Villaflor for a term to expire December 2016.

Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair Brian Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, I humbly thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand before you today for this confirmation hearing, regarding my nomination to the Boxing Commission of Hawaii as a potential member of this prestigious board. I would also like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for his nomination.

The sport of boxing has always been a great passion for me because of the opportunities it has brought to my life. Growing up in the Philippines as one of twelve siblings in my family, my participation in boxing became a “life saver,” and a means to help support my parents and family by putting food on the table, providing financial support for health, medical, and educational needs. Through boxing, I was able to come to Hawaii, where I later became the Junior Lightweight Champion of the World.

Holding a position as one of the board members for the Boxing Commission of Hawaii would mean so much to me. It would be not only a privilege, and an honor, but it would give me a chance to give back to the boxing community, and sport that has made such a positive impact in my life. Boxing became a life changing experience for me. This sport opened the door and gave me the opportunity to be the sergeant at arms for the senate. For this very reason, I would be humbled if I were given a chance to be one of the members on the board.

I understand that the purpose adopted by the boxing commission are intended to clarify and implement the rules and policies that all boxing matches be conducted in a sportsmanlike manner, and to ensure that positive sportsmanship shall prevail in all situations. I also understand that professional boxing should be conducted with the ethical code of honest business. It would be my honor to implement all the rules, regulations, and policies set forth by the commission.

My vision for the future of boxing entails bringing the excitement and public awareness to the sport. Teaching our young people, the future generation of Hawaii, the importance of physical fitness, proper nutrition, and good sportsmanship in boxing can be perpetuated in our schools. I feel that I can be a positive mentor for our youngsters in Hawaii.

I feel that I am qualified to serve as a member on the Boxing Commission board because of my expertise of the sport as a former boxer, and I have the knowledge of the rules and policies of the commission as a former commission member. And finally, I feel that in decision-making, I can be fair because I believe that the sport of boxing should be conducted with honor and dignity and with good sportsmanship.

In closing, I humbly thank all of you for giving me a chance to be heard at this confirmation hearing and for considering my nomination to the Boxing Commission of Hawaii.