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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 773

Chairperson Baker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 773, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i, Mr. Bienvenido Villaflor. The Department would like to express its strong support for Mr. Villaflor's nomination to the State Boxing Commission.

I believe, without a doubt, that Mr. Villaflor is uniquely qualified to sit on the State Boxing Commission. His boxing exploits and accolades, including being crowned the World Boxing Association World Junior Lightweight Champion, are a testament to the elite caliber fighter he was and the dedication, discipline, and single-mindedness with which he pursued the sport of boxing.

Beyond the ring, Mr. Villaflor has exhibited the same dedication to his work in his capacity as the Sergeant-At-Arms in the Hawaii State Senate. His ever-present smile and affable nature have made him a fixture in the Capitol and, it goes without saying, that the boxing classes that he hosts are extremely popular.



Mr. Villaflor would be an excellent choice to serve on the State Boxing Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.