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Committee: Senate Education
Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: HCR 030,HD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET WITH INTERESTED PARTIES TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A BOXING PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST ONE OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Purpose of Resolution: Boxing; Pilot Program; Department of Education

Department's Position:

The Department of Education is open to meet with interested parties to discuss the issues presented in this resolution.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII STATE BOXING COMMISSION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

Friday, April 19, 2013
1:30 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30, H.D. 1 -
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET WITH INTERESTED
PARTIES TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A BOXING PILOT
PROGRAM IN AT LEAST ONE OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Bruce Kawano and I am a member of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii ("Commission"). The Commission thanks you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. No. 30, H.D. 1.

The purpose of H.C.R. No. 30, H.D. 1, is to request the Department of Education to meet with interested parties to examine the feasibility of establishing a boxing pilot program in at least one of Hawaii's public schools.

The Commission supports H.C.R. No. 30, H.D. 1, because we believe that boxing develops character and builds self confidence. Boxing training is demanding, and it requires a level of commitment and dedication that our youth can take and apply to other aspects of their lives. Kids develop respect for their opponents, coaches, and other kids in the gym and over time, they develop respect for themselves. As a result,

when they are faced with a choice, whether it's drugs or alcohol, they can fall back on that self respect.

The Commission would like to be involved in the planning of the proposed boxing pilot program.

For these reasons the Commission supports H.C.R 30, H.D. 1. Thank you for allowing us to present our perspective on this resolution.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30 AND
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO MEET WITH INTERESTED PARTIES TO EXAMINE
THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A BOXING PILOT PROGRAM
IN AT LEAST ONE OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

To the honorable ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair,
and honorable members of the Committee:

My name is Harvey M. Nakamoto Jr. and I am a former competitive boxer. I am also an attorney licensed to practice in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am writing in support of H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14.

I strongly support H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14 because I believe that involvement in boxing helps youth develop discipline, self-confidence, and respect for others like nothing else can. The vast amounts of time, discipline, and sacrifice that goes into to preparation for a short 6 minute bout is what I believe separates boxing from any other sport or activity. Boxing teaches participants that opportunities are limited and that as such one must work hard and be prepared to make the most of any opportunity one is presented with.

My personal involvement with boxing began in 1997 shortly after I graduated from Aiea High School. In a short time training and competing in boxing changed me from a person who barely graduated from a public high school to a dedicated student that graduated with honors from Leeward Community College and then with distinction from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The self-discipline, work ethic, and self-confidence that I developed through my participation in boxing ultimately encouraged me to apply for law school, pass the bar exam, and ultimately open my own legal practice, "The Law Offices of Harvey M. Nakamoto, Jr., LLLC." I know that my life would be very different without

boxing. Participation in boxing has enriched my life in ineffable ways. I strongly believe that offering in boxing in Hawaii's public schools would add immeasurably to the lives of participants. It is for this reason that write in strong support of H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Harvey M. Nakamoto Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tosh Ueno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I would like to support HCR 30 to be implemented in Hawaii's High Schools. Boxing is a great outlet for youth and learn just like Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Judo that teaches discipline, hard work, dedication and build self-esteem and much more. Those student-athletes who learned boxing not only learned the skills but learned how to apply in the society such as at work, college, community/society-relationships and in their family life. Last summer at 2012 London Olympics, U.S. Boxing Olympic Team earned only one Gold Medal and it was accomplished by a 17 year old Flint, MI. High School girl who's father is even in a jail. This is a great example that the girl stayed on the track through the boxing program to stay focused on boxing training, school, and being off from trouble. Yes, she did it... She brought a one and the only Gold Medal for United States of America Boxing Team!! Please consider the HR 14 to be producing more and more opportunity for many many more of such young athletes from our great State of Hawaii. I will highly recommend and support HR 14 and pray and hope that soon I will be watching more Hawaii Athletes at the Olympic Games in this new sport introduced by you all to Hawaii High School youths. Sincerely, Tosh Ueno US Amateur Boxing Hawaii Official US Amateur Boxing Certified Coach II

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