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**Date:** 03/25/2013

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 030/HR 014 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 with interested parties to discuss the issues presented in these resolutions. However, reporting back to the 2014 Legislature on efforts to establish and provide outcomes of a boxing pilot program seem premature.

## Jenna Takenouchi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Butler MD PhD	USA Boxing	Support	No

Comments: I am Dr Charles Butler MD PhD, President of USA Boxing and Chairman of the AIBA Medical Commission. Amateur Boxing is arguably the safest of all combat contact sports. I entered Boxing in the IOC Injury study for the Beijing Olympics. Boxing had fewer injuries than Basketball. Boxing has 1/3 the concussion rate of college football. There is no evidence that participation in amateur Boxing causes brain damage in athletes. Attached is the John's Hopkins study of 486 athletes and Dr Mark Porters study of amateur Boxers with at least 40 bouts to non boxing athletes. Over a 9 year period, the athletes in Boxing actually improved and tested better than the control group of non boxers (Study attached). Dr. Mike Loosemoore in the British Journal of Sports Medicine reviewed every article on Amateur Boxing ever published with any statistics. These were studies both pro and con. He concludes that statistically all these papers together demonstrate no evidence of brain damage in amateur boxers (paper attached). Attached is a short PowerPoint presentation summarizing some of these papers plus showing injury rates for Boxers compared to other sports (published by Dr Cantu (Harvard). All these studies establish Boxing as an extremely safe sport and appropriate for schools. England has had a "School boy" boxing program for years in their elementary schools. If you establish a program with a good coach, young boxers should be taught values, discipline, and ethics. Training should be withheld from those who misbehave as a punishment. Boxing has historically been the Sport to help rescue youngsters from the streets and help them turn their lives around. I would encourage you to institute a Boxing program in your high Schools with a well trained safe Boxing Coach. Charles F Butler MD PhD 269 598 6000 2130 South Park St Kalamazoo Michigan I have attached numerous safety studies published in the medical literature. I can only find one attached. I will submit any named study unavailable as attachment upon your request.cb

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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
HAWAII STATE BOXING COMMISSION**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Monday, March 25, 2013  
2:00 p.m.

**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 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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 and H.R. No. 14.

The purpose of H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14 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 and H.R. No. 14 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 its 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 and H.R. No. 14. Thank you for allowing us to present our perspective on these resolutions.

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Glenn Nebres Jr.	Kekoapono Boxing Club	Support	Yes

Comments: I grew up a troubled youth. I've been to Koolau and DH numerously. Through boxing training I learned that discipline pays off. I learned that if you work hard enough you can find out amazing things about yourself. When I grew up, I became a coach. My goal is to build champs outside of the ring. This is more important to me than being a champ in the ring. I feel like I get better results than most mentors because its easier to get a troubled youth into a boxing gym than into a church. I've helped countless youth escape gangs and drug addictions. I am totally in support of bringing Boxing into the schools. As a sport it is safer than football, and is the most regulated and controlled out of all the combat sports that I competed in. Out of all combat sports, bo xing is geared to help youth, more so than any other. Please allow for Boxing to enter the school programs. I personally, would like to see it, even at the middle school level. Thank you for reading, Coach Glenn Nebres, Kekoapono Boxing Club.

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Dennis W. Bohner	Kauai PAL	Support	No

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Written testimony for the House of Representatives  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Committee on Education  
Committee on Finance

regarding

HR30 / HR14

Michelle Ebalaroza, Individual Citizen

March 25, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Thank you to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Finance for this opportunity to address my thoughts on HR30 / HR14, EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A BOXING PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST ONE OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

As a mother, grandmother and a prior teacher I know the importance of health, exercise and building a positive self-esteem for every child. Boxing can provide that. It will also teach the importance of rules, guidelines and self discipline. It will provide them with a venue to work out stress and aggression in a safe and contained manner. It will also teach valuable life skills such as hard work, dedication and focus.

Personally, I struggled with obesity throughout high school and it continued through my adulthood because I had no direction. I didn't have the means or the funds to join a gym or anything like that. With a program like this in the high schools, it could provide that for children and young adults whose parents can't afford a way to help their child to maintain their weight.

I know that nutrition played a major part of my weight gain. Through a boxing program like this where it is important for boxers to "make weight" they would have to learn the importance of good nutrition which in turn will help with weight management. I weighed 225lbs., I learned the importance of nutrition and incorporated BOXING, weight training & cardios into my fitness schedule. I am now in my 150s. The health issues that I had before; insomnia, fibromyalgia and vertigo are no longer a problem. I had high blood pressure and I am currently off of medication, I am healthier than I've ever been before.

This Boxing Program will not only help children and young adults during their school years but they will come away with valuable assets that they will have for life.

I am in complete support of this bill HR14 / HR30.

Thank you again for your time.

Michelle Ebalaroza

Mother, Grandmother, Teacher, Athlete

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Bruce Faulkner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former amateur boxer and long time USA Boxing Official (over 20 yrs) I strongly support this bill. We need to offer more physical education opportunities for our youth who may not be into team sports. A boxing course would provide a platform for individuals to get into the best physical condition of their lives! Basically this program would allow students to build confidence, character, & to pursue physical fitness at its highest level! As you might already know, most of the physical fitness programs available today incorporate some sort of boxing type exercises or training anyway, so it only seems natural to offer a course to students at this next level. The concept here is to give our youth the chance to feel what it is like to be in good physical condition with the hope that they will continue that pursuit into their adult lives!

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Corina Ishikawa	Individual	Support	No

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To: State House & Senate  
Re: HCR30

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.

[Boxing; Pilot Program, Dept. of Education](#)

To: State House & Senate:

I am a former boxer and a long-time resident of the state of Hawaii. I started boxing at the age of 9 back in the early 70's and can testify many positive things about the sport of boxing. I myself is a walking testimony to how positive the sport of boxing can be to the young keikis of Hawaii. For those who don't know, I am a two time USA National Champion, participated in the 1976 & 1980 USA Olympic Trials, represented the United States in numerous international competitions against USSR, Japan, Indonesia, E. Germany, and also went to the 1978 Amateur Boxing World Championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

If only boxing was a sport that was a part of the athletic sports curriculum in the high schools, it would have affected and given much more athletes in Hawaii to excel in the sport nationally and internally.

Reason 1: Hawaii is geographically too far from the mainland USA for our athletes to afford to participate in quality competition on a regular schedule due to the financial costs of traveling! We are continually behind in experience (amount of competition opportunities) compared to our mainland counterparts. Having boxing in our high schools will promote more opportunity for more athletes in all the schools to participate and will give the smaller lighter weight athletes an opportunity to test, polish, and hone their skills.

Reason 2: Hawaii has an amazing history of athletes from before we were even a State of nationally ranked & National Champion boxers, especially in the lighter weights! With this rich history and tradition, our athletes of today have tremendous incentive and promise to achieve what we have been known for!

112	1939	Jose Mercado	Hawaii
112	1940	Johnny Manalo	Honolulu, Hawaii
135	1940	Paul Matsumoto	Honolulu, Hawaii
112	1946	David Buna	Hawaii
118	1946	Tsaneshi Naruo	Hawaii
147	1946	Robert Takeshita	Honolulu, Hawaii
126	1949	Benny Apostadiro	Honolulu, Hawaii
175	1949	Delopoz Oliver	Honolulu, Hawaii
118	1951	Ernest DeJesus	Honolulu, Hawaii
112	1955	Heiji Shimabukuro	Honolulu, Hawaii
112	1958	Ray Perez	Hawaii
119	1975	Eiichi Jumawan	Wahiawa, Hawaii
156	1976	J.B. Williamson	Marines (Kaneohe) KMCAS

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125	1978	Eiichi Jumawan	Wahiawa, Hawaii
119	1998	Antonio Rodriguez	Wailuku, Hawaii
106	1999	Brian Viloría	Waipahu, Hawaii/NMU
119	2003	Samson Guillermo	Waianae, Hawaii
95	2006	Gina Ramos	Hawaii
147	1993	Blaise Soares	Waianae, Hawaii
112	2002	Kini Sofa, Jr.	Waianae, Hawaii
125	2002	Glen Miyose	Waianae, Hawaii
100	1995	Brian Viloría	Waipahu, Hawaii
106	1996	Brian Viloría	Waipahu, Hawaii
112	1998	Samson Guillermo	Waianae, Hawaii
112	1999	Samson Guillermo	Waianae, Hawaii
85	2004	Keola McKee	Wailuku, Hawaii
176	2008	Faleauto Manutulila	Honolulu, Hawaii
119	2008	Chazette Sau	Kihei, Hawaii

Sincerely,

Eiichi Jumawan  
Chief of Officials, Amateur Boxing of Hawaii

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Rayton Lamay	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Maui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a citizen of Hawaii i support HR14 in starting a pilot program and having boxing in our high schools. As a parent, one of the hardest things to do is be in two or three places at one time. We have our kids in different sports as well as practices. Having boxing in high schools, we give our kids the opportunity to still be a part of their school and compete, train and the kids can be proud that they're not left out since their family members are playing football for high school and they are not big enough to play but box for the local gym but goes to school and not get the recognition as the football players because boxing is not part of the school curriculum or sport likes its something illegal. But its not, it's an olympic sport something that wrestling will not be anymore. Please give us a chance to have boxing in high school...just like surfing that is a sport now boxing has always been in the islands over a hundred years. Thank you

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Stuart Okamura	Amateur boxing of Hawaii	Support	No

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Amaury Olguin	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Would like to see kids having a boxing coach at their schools, instead of getting into trouble. This is a great idea, and it is healthy for the kids. Boxing training is great, it teach them discipline.

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mark ozaki	Individual	Support	No

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Daryl Takata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Boxing should be introduced in High School and as long as you have qualified coaches who are certified by USA Boxing I strongly feel that it is a great idea. Despite what others may think or feel about injuries, you will find that it is a safe sports as long as rules are not compromised and quality coaches who are respected in the community and within the sport. I played football in high school and also was a boxer, and I sustained more and severe injurues from football than boxing. Boxing is a very technical sport much like wrestling or judo. I can see it taking off and becoming one of the more popular sport in highschool.

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Toshitaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Like football and Basketball, I would like to see more youth aiming for Olympics. But they really need H.S. to support the Olympic sports and possible scholarship to collegiate league is a great thing, goals for youth to dream, aim, and discipline to reach for.

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Don Dubie	Individual	Support	No

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TO THE HONORABLE ROY TAKUMI, CHAIR,

AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is John Pilotin and I am a teacher in the Department of Education on Maui. I teach at Pomaikai Elementary in Maui Lani, Kahului. I am in support of H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14 that request the Department of Education to meet with interested parties to examine the feasibility of establishing a boxing pilot program in the public schools.

As an educator for 18 years in the Department of Education, I see the importance of keeping students off the streets and into sports. Through sports, children develop self-confidence as well as learn to respect themselves, their coaches, and others. Boxing is a way to allow teens to have an outlet for their energy, to put their time and effort into something productive and positive. I have seen first-hand children in school who get into trouble, but through boxing, they now have a reason to keep up their grades, to stay away from drugs and alcohol, and to stay away from trouble in school. When students feel good about themselves and work hard for something, they no longer need to turn to peer pressure or other negative behaviors. I believe that boxing in high schools will target kids that need this outlet and will have a positive impact on students.

For these reasons, I support H.C.R. 30 and H.R. No. 14. Thank you for allowing me to present my perspective on these resolutions.

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TO THE HONORABLE ROY TAKUMI, CHAIR,

AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kathy Pilotin and I am a teacher in the Department of Education on Maui. I teach at Maui Waena Intermediate School which includes sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students that live in the city of Kahului. I am in support of H.C.R. No. 30 and H.R. No. 14 that request the Department of Education to meet with interested parties to examine the feasibility of establishing a boxing pilot program in the public schools.

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