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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 740.

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

My name is Alan Taniguchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 740, regarding the **reappointment** of Snooky Fujikawa to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Fujikawa's reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Fujikawa has served on the Board since July 1, 2012. Mr. Fujikawa has been involved with boxing for over 25 years. He is the owner of Mono E Mono Boxing, LLC, is a certified personal trainer, and has served as a boxing second and as a coach. Mr. Fujikawa's vast experience as a boxing trainer provides invaluable and meaningful contribution during Commission meetings. The Commission's mission to effectively oversee boxing in Hawaii will continue with his reappointment.

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The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Fujikawa to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 740**,
FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
SNOOKY FUJIKAWA TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the
Commerce and Consumer Protections Committee:

I am writing to support Mr. Snooky Fujikawa's nomination to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii. I have had the privilege of knowing and training with Snooky for the past 3 years. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport of boxing is immense, making him an excellent trainer and teacher. Snooky is always creative and excited about teaching boxing, it makes classes fun and never boring. He has the ability to challenge you, motivate you to try harder, but to also be self-confident in what you're able to do, no matter what physical level you're at.

In boxing class, I am continually impressed that he takes the time to know everyone he trains and that safety is very important him. I have watched him modify drills for several students, while in a group class, to accommodate injuries and difficulties they have. I think that his concern for safety is a necessary attribute for anyone serving on the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

Most importantly, Snooky is an honest, hardworking, and articulate. These traits in addition to his expertise in the sport of boxing and his commitment to safety make him an exceptional choice serve the Commission.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to support Snooky's nomination to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Ann Nagata

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? My experience as a business owner and professional trainer can assist in re-energizing and further develop the sport of boxing in the state of Hawaii.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? To keep the fighters safety as a top priority and maintain the integrity of the Boxing Commission.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? Carefully vet all promoters and hold them to the standards of the Boxing Commission.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I am the owner and operator of Mono E Mono Boxing, LLC / Punch Fit Hawaii, a certified personal training operation utilizing a boxing platform. In addition, I have been licensed by the State of Boxing Commission as a Boxing Second and have 21 years of boxing experience. I have also served on the Boxing Commission for the State of Hawaii since being appointed in 2012.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? To work with my fellow Boxing Commission Board Members and potential promoters to bring professional boxing opportunities back to Hawaii.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. 1) Work ethic – I have the ability to dedicate time and energy needed to be successful in my business and therefore will apply these same principles to my time with the Boxing Commission. 2) Creativity – being able to think “outside of the box” to create interest in the sport of boxing. 3) Professional Contacts – in my line of work, I have the opportunity to network with various professional in all industries that may create (more) interests for the sport of boxing.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. My first term of being on the Boxing Commission has provided me with the experience to want to continue being of service.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? No, I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that may arise during my service on the board. Should one occur, I would bring it up for discussion with the Board for further review and direction.