

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 615

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1102

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1102 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow mixed martial arts promoters to pay fighters in cash.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.


Your Committee finds that existing law requires that mixed martial arts promoters pay fighters by check. However, many events undergo last minute changes to the fight card for various reasons including a fighter not making weight or getting injured during training. Most events take place on Saturdays, and fighters must weigh-in the day before the event. As a result, it is difficult for promoters to get new checks issued on a Saturday because most financial institutions are closed. By allowing payment to be made in cash, this measure tailors the requirements of state law to mirror the realities of the event process and make it easier for promoters to make changes to the fight card.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and



purpose of S.B. No. 1102 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



