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Mark Ozaki
State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i?

I love the sport of boxing and want to ensure that it continues with fairness and integrity.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i?

Have unbiased fair and educated oversight on the rules and regulations of boxing and sanctioned bouts.

- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i 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 have been involved with boxing for 40 years as an athlete, coach, judge, official, or fan. I believe in fairplay and integrity. I'm familiar with the rules of boxing and have a good understanding of past practice (positive & negative). I'm not afraid to speak up and stand up for what is right and communicate that in a positive/professional manner.

- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Providing positive oversight to the sport of boxing.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i.

Integrity (Not cave to corruption), Good decision making (try to understand the overall picture-way all options-make a decision), Good communicator (explain the who, what, where, why, and how in a positive and professional manner),

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i member.

40 years of experience in boxing and have seen many things. Experienced a riot / brawl at a boxing event several years ago and now can recognize the events that led up to that riot. I have the foresight to recognize and prevent another situation like that from happening again. I'm a Police Officer by trade and cannot be bribed.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. The way I would address it if it did come up would be the same way as I address conflicts of interest in my current job. I'd expose the possible conflict of interest, address it with my counterparts, and recuse myself before the conflict of interest even became a problem.

Testimony of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 542, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARK OZAKI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Taniguchi, and I am the Executive Officer of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission). The Commission supports the reappointment of Mr. Mark Ozaki to the Commission as a **public** member.

Mr. Ozaki has served on the Commission since June 2017 and has attended all of the commission meetings since his appointment. He has been involved with boxing for over 30 years, and his vast experience as a boxing coach provides invaluable and meaningful contributions to commission meetings.

In addition to serving on the Commission, Mr. Ozaki actively volunteers in the community. Since 2002, he has volunteered as the program coordinator for the Kauai Police Activities League (K-PAL) for activities such as boxing, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, flag football, Jiu Jitsu self-defense, and wrestling.

The Commission's mission to effectively oversee boxing in Hawaii will continue with his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.