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State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i?

Joel Kim

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

I hope that being a member would give me an opportunity to use my knowledge, experience and passion for the sport of boxing to bring safe and quality experiences for the athletes in our state.

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

I believe that the role of a State Boxing Commission member would be to help regulate and enforce the Hawaii state boxing rules and regulations and to ensure that boxing activities are conducted with safety and fairplay.

(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 in the sport of boxing for over 40 years, competing as an athlete for over ten years and working as a coach in both amateur and professional boxing for over thirty years. I have served as a USA Boxing official and referee for the past twenty years and worked in Hawaii USA Boxing administration for the past 15 years, serving as the Junior Olympic Chairman, Chief of Officials and currently, Vice-President.

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

I am hopeful that the sport of professional boxing can return to Hawaii and I can help ensure that it does so in a manner that dignifies both the athletes and fans, as well as our state.

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

Three qualities that I think best describe me are patience, mindfulness and fairness. I believe these will help our commission by trying to take the time to really learn about matters before making decisions that are practical and equitable.

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

I believe that serving as the Chief of Officials for Hawaii Amateur Boxing for the past 2 years and participating in the USA Boxing Leadership Seminar at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs were invaluable experiences that will help me in the future as a commission member.

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(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

Since I spent over 20 years as a competitive coach and official in the both the amateur and pro ranks, I have come to know a lot of individuals in the sport. Potentially, some of these friends or acquaintances could ask me for favors that could come in conflict with my responsibilities or duties as a commissioner. To overcome this, I would remind those concerned that it is my duty and desire to ensure that the rules and regulations of the State of Hawaii Boxing Commission are observed and complied with.



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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

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

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 544, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOEL KIM,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. Joel Kim to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission) as a public member. He was first appointed to the Board on an interim basis on August 26, 2020.

Mr. Kim has 40 diverse years of experience in boxing, including 15 years as a competition athlete, 20 years as a coach, 15 years as a Hawaii USA Amateur Boxing official, 14 years as a licensed Hawaii boxing second (cornerman), 18 years as a USA Boxing team owner, and 10 years as host of the Hawaii Amateur Boxing State Championships.

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Since 2006, Mr. Kim has been employed as a secondary social studies teacher for the Hawaii Department of Education. Previously, he was a secondary history teacher for 7 years in the Hawaii Public Summer School System.

Mr. Kim's experience as an educator and depth of expertise in boxing will offer an invaluable perspective to the Commission. In addition, his desire to serve on the Commission and commitment to actively participate in commission meetings will greatly enhance the Commission's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eiichi Jumawan	Testifying for USA Boxing, Hawaii Association President	Support	No

Comments:

I approve of the appointment of Joel Kim to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. His years of work as a coach at Palolo Boxing gym, as a boxer, as a certified USA Boxing Referee and Judge makes him well qualified to serve on the board. I believe in his integrity and knowledge, and that he more than acceptable to the challenge.

Eiichi Jumawan

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I've known coach Joel Kim for over twenty years he has been my friend and mentor we had lots time on the road and in the gym .He has always treated with respect and dignity. He has over the years inspired many boxers and other coaches he has a great knowledge of boxing. I still learn from him till this day. He has helped many a boxer down on their luck money wise. He will make a great Boxing Commissioner.

Coach Sean R Wilson

**From:** [Nante](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Aloha Senator Ross Baker I strongly nominate joe Kim for this job I've known him for long time and he will be a good candidate to fill this position thank you appreciate your time aloha Your friend Nante.  
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Aloha Senator Ross Baker,

I strongly nominate joe Kim for this job I've known him for long time and he will be a good candidate to fill this position.

Mahalo

Very truly yours,  
Nante Manangan

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**From:** [Hubert Minn](#)  
**To:** [baker4 - Alisha](#)  
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To: Senator Eosalind Baker  
Chairperson  
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From : Mr. Hubert P Minn  
Chairperson  
World Boxing Council Ring Officials

Re: Joel Kims Confirmation to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission

Dear Senator Baker,

I would like to highly endorse Joel Kim to the Commission.  
He has devoted his entire life coaching and mentoring young and old alike and will be of great value with his experience but more importantly the integrity he represents.

Mahalo,  
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