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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
**G.M. 618, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOXING COMMISSION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROOBYN JUMAWAN
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Ms. Jumawan to the Boxing Commission (Commission) as the USA Boxing, Inc. member.

Ms. Jumawan fully understands her role and the various responsibilities of being a member. She is currently the state Registration Chair for the United States Amateur Boxing Association and assists the Commission in regulating and promoting amateur boxing across the state.

She is familiar with the purpose of the Commission and the Department. Her experience as a coach, judge, timekeeper, and official will only serve to enhance her knowledge, making her an invaluable member of the Commission.

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Jumawan to the Boxing Commission.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2023 11:55:52 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robyn Jumawan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Robyn Jumawan, and I am honored to be considered for a position on the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. My desire is to promote and regulate the sport of boxing in Hawaii, especially in the matter of keeping the athletes safe and protecting the States interests in regard to competition. My desire is to see boxing grow and to see our fine State represented in a positive way, locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to boxing knowledge, I believe being a good administrator is important. I have been an administrator in several areas of life for years, including my role as Secretary to the Board of Directors of the National Energy Laboratory on the Big Island. I value the need for rules, regulations, and excellent documentation, especially when it comes to safety and ensuring a level playing field for athletes.

I have worked in the Amateur Boxing community since 2008, both locally and nationally, and have held the elected positions of Vice President, Chief of Officials and Registration Chair. I have studied to show myself approved and was actually ranked the #10 Level 3 official in the nation in 2018.

I am also 1 of 5 Certified “Officials in Charge” in the state of Hawaii who have been trained to supervise amateur boxing events and ensure rules are followed and enforced to protect athletes. As a Certified Clinician with USA Boxing, I also help train and certify coaches, judges, referees, timekeepers and clerks.

In my current position as USA Boxing Hawaii’s Registration Chair, I am privileged to work with many types of people utilizing my excellent communication and people skills.

I have also trained to become a Pro Boxing judge. I am currently waiting to take my professional judge test until there is confirmed pro boxing activity in Hawaii.

My husband, Eiichi Jumawan, and I operate a 501.c.3 boxing gym in Kapolei. Pearlside Boxing has been in existence since 1987 and I have been an integral part since 2007. We operate fitness and competition classes as well as classes specifically designed for people with Parkinson’s disease.

Working beside my husband, I have learned and understand the differences between amateur and professional boxing. I have also discovered the need for rules that are easily understood and enforceable. To me, not only is safety of the boxer imperative, but also fairness to the consumer who pays good money to watch a pro fight and should be guaranteed legitimate matches.

It is my understanding that there have only been 2 other females who've served on the Hawaii State Boxing Commission and that was many years ago. With the increased popularity of women's boxing, I believe a woman representative would be a great asset to the Commission while accurately reflecting current trends.

I humbly request an opportunity to serve in this capacity and thank you for your consideration.

Robyn Jumawan

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Submitted on: 4/6/2023 3:09:24 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eiichi Jumawan	Testifying for USA Boxing Hawaii Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This testimony is in total support of Robyn Jumawan to serve on the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. She has intensive knowledge of the sport of boxing, by having served as a judge on a local and national level. At one time, she was ranked #10 nationally among the thousands of judges that work across the USA.

She has also worked as an administrator serving as Vice President, Registration Chairman, and Chief of Officials for the Hawaii branch of USA Boxing Inc. (the national governing body of Olympic style boxing in the USA). Her honesty and integrity is beyond reproach. She is the type of person that values fairness in the highest order and will look out for fairness for all parties. Following the rules is another staple of her values which adds immensely to the way that she works.

By working with and beside me at professional boxing fights here in the State of Hawaii she has learned and understands the differences between amateur and professional boxing. She will be a great addition to the commission bringing diversity in a sport formerly dominated by men. As more and more women are entering the sport, both in amateur and professional promotions, the addition of a woman in the Hawaii State Boxing Commission would be well received.

I fully endorse the appointment of Robyn Jumawan to the Hawaii Boxing Commission.

April 7, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Character testimony for Robyn Blair Jumawan

It is with great pleasure and extreme confidence that I am writing a testimony on behalf of Mrs. Robyn B. Jumawan. I have known Robyn for over 30 years. Our path crosses both professionally and personally.

Professionally Robyn and I worked together at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii (NELHA), a state entity, on the Big Island. Robyn was the executive secretary to the Executive Director and I the comptroller. Robyn was respected by her boss and peers. Her integrity and professionalism in performing the duties of the Executive Secretary were exceptional. She was trusted with confidential information and held in high esteem to represent NELHA and her boss at many board meetings. In fact, Robyn could fill in for anyone on the staff. From the janitor to Contract Specialist and beyond. Why? Because she is good at whatever task she is given and does it with pride and integrity.

Personally- Robyn and I attended the same church. Again, at any given task that needed to get done, besides just attending church services, Robyn was called on. She volunteered with a loving heart and would go above and beyond to help anyone!

Robyn is a gem that needs no polishing. She shines in every aspect of her life. Is able and willing to tackle any task at hand with integrity, grace, a stern hand and with much Aloha.

Respectfully yours


Sheryll Kaniho

Retired comptroller NELHA

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 618.

To the Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Andrew Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Miles Ino and I strongly support the nomination of Robyn Jumawan to the State of Hawaii Boxing Commission.

I have known Robyn Jumawan since 2020. It was in that year I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, a degenerative movement disorder which can cause deterioration of motor skills, balance, speech and sensory function. Ms. Jumawan was instrumental in developing the Rock Steady Boxing Affiliate Program at Pearlside Boxing Gym under the direction of Coach Eiichi Jumawan, who is one of just a few Rock Steady Boxing certified trainers in Hawaii. The mission of Rock Steady Boxing is to improve the quality of life of people with Parkinson's disease through a non-contact, boxing-based fitness curriculum. During my affiliation with the Rock Steady Boxing program at Pearlside Boxing Gym, I've come to appreciate Ms. Jumawan's outstanding character, her sincere desire to help others achieve their goals, and her commitment to the Rock Steady program mission and the sport of boxing. She has tremendous attention to detail, keen problem solving skills, and a strong understanding boxing and physical development. Her extensive knowledge of the rules of the boxing, state laws, and Hawaii administrative rules make Ms. Jumawan an invaluable asset to the sport of

boxing and I wholeheartedly support her nomination to the State of Hawaii Boxing Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony

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Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hubert P. Minn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would highly recommend Ms. Jumawan to the Commission due to her past experience and most importantly, her INTEGRITY in the sport of Boxing.

Without her assistance and yrs of volunteering w/ Boxing USA, Hawaii would not have the Amatuer programs we have today.

She always follows the regulations and guidelines and will be a great asset to the Boxing Community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hubert P Minn

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Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Yadao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Mrs. Jumawan for a number of years and am deeply impressed by her integrity and commitment to the sport. I whole-heartedly recommend her nomination and am excited to see what she will bring to the Boxing Commission.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2023 8:22:20 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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