

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1128

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1027
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1027, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMBAT SPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the regulation of combat sports contests within the State.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes the Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and gives the Commission sole jurisdiction and control over all combat sports contests held within the State;
- (2) Requires the Commission to adopt administrative rules pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Defines "combat sports" as unarmed combat involving the use of a combination of techniques from different martial arts disciplines, including grappling, kicking, and striking, subject to certain limits;
- (4) Prohibits no-rules combat or similar contests; and



- (5) Appropriates unspecified funds to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for an unspecified number of staff positions for the Commission.

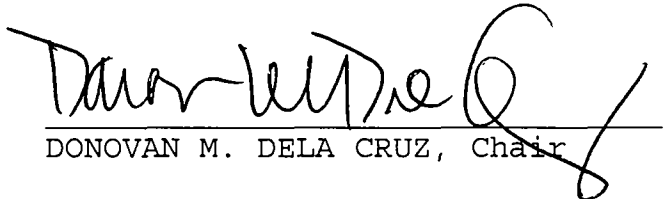
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Councilmember representing Honolulu City Council District 9, and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii residents have embraced full-contact combat sports, as evidenced by the capacity crowds attending these events at large venues, and that a combat sports commission should be established to encourage the continued growth of this industry and attract high profile sporting events.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1027, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

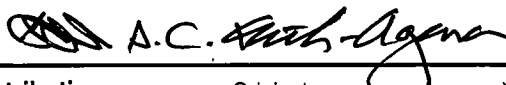
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1027 SD1	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM	Date: 3/3/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	12			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes