

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1976

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2025

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 516,  
769

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 516 and 769, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII'I

G.M. No. 516 FALANIKO VITALE,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028; and

G.M. No. 769 JOEL KIM,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Falaniko Vitale and Joel Kim for service on the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

FALANIKO VITALE

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Falaniko Vitale from the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, ILWU International - Hawaii, ILWU Local 142, and numerous individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Vitale's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission) as a public member. For over a decade, Mr. Vitale was a professional mixed martial arts fighter who

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completed, cornered, trained, and promoted for big shows around the world, representing Hawaii. Your Committee notes that Mr. Vitale is currently a longshoreman with Pasha Hawaii and also has a diverse work history as an equipment operator, roofing supervisor, foreman, and demolitions supervisor. Your Committee notes that Mr. Vitale has served as an interim member of the Commission since 2024, and as a decorated mixed martial artist with decades of high-level competitive experience, Mr. Vitale possesses an exceptional understanding of the industry that makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission. Your Committee finds that Mr. Vitale has thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of commissioners and his diverse background and knowledge of combat sports will be an invaluable addition to the Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Falaniko Vitale be appointed to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii based on his knowledge, background, and experience in the industry.

JOEL KIM

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Joel Kim from the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kim's experience, background, and proven leadership on the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission) qualify him for appointment to the Commission as a public member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Kim has over forty years of diverse experience in boxing, including as an amateur and professional boxing coach and club owner, and previously served as the Vice President and Chief of Officials for the Hawaii Chapter of USA Boxing, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Kim worked as a secondary social studies and history teacher. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Kim has served a prior term on the Commission, is currently serving as a holdover member, and his experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Joel Kim be appointed to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which



nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Keohokalole', is written over a horizontal line.

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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**CPN**  
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Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM516</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN</b>	Date: <b>4-10-25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"><div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340</div><div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">Carol Fukunaga</div>				
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Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM769</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN</b>	Date: <b>4/10/25</b>		
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<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
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