

**Testimony of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Thursday, April 10, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 516, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FALANIKO VITALE,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Justin Jo, and I am the Executive Officer of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission). The Commission supports the confirmation of Mr. Vitale's appointment to the Commission as a public member.

Mr. Vitale fully understands his role and the various responsibilities of being a Commission member. He has attended all meetings since being appointed to the Commission in 2024. Mr. Vitale has a diverse work history as a Longshoreman, Equipment Operator, Roofing Supervisor, Foreman, and Demolitions Supervisor. Further, he has work experience as a trainer in fitness, Mixed Martial Arts, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Mr. Vitale's diverse background and knowledge of combat sports will be an invaluable addition to the Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Vitale to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

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The Thirty-Third Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025

## **THE SENATE**

### **COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Senator Jarret Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Videoconference - Conference Room 229  
Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:30 a.m.

## **TESTIMONY OF THE ILWU INTERNATIONAL – HAWAII ON GM 516 IN SUPPORT FOR CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE FALANIKO VITALE**

The ILWU International **strongly supports** the appointment of Falaniko Vitale to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

For decades, I've had the privilege of knowing Falaniko as a training partner, colleague, friend, and, most importantly, a brother. I have witnessed firsthand his unwavering character, humility, and deep commitment to the community.

As a decorated Mixed Martial Artist with decades of high-level competitive experience, Falaniko possesses an exceptional understanding of the fighter's perspective, making him uniquely qualified to serve on this Commission.

Falaniko's influence extends far beyond his athletic achievements. He exemplifies true leadership through his selfless dedication to mentoring youth and uplifting those around him. His life and actions speak to a deep commitment to service, fairness, and integrity.

The Hawaii State Boxing Commission would benefit from Falaniko Vitale's expertise and character. I am confident that he will not only honor the athletes of our state but also be a tremendous asset to the Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon W. K. Wolff  
Vice President – Hawaii  
ILWU International



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## LOCAL 142

April 9, 2025

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### THE SENATE

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### STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON GM 516 IN SUPPORT FOR CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE FALANIKO VITALE

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) 142 **strongly supports** Falaniko Vitale's appointment to the Hawai'i State Boxing Commission.

Mr. Vitale's extensive experience as a decorated Mixed Martial Artist, competing at the highest levels, provides him with an unparalleled understanding of the fighter's mindset and well-being. This firsthand knowledge equips him with a unique ability to empathize with the challenges and needs of athletes.

His deep-rooted commitment to the community and demonstrated integrity further underscore his suitability for this role. He has a genuine concern for the welfare and protection of individuals within the sport.

I believe Mr. Vitale's comprehensive understanding of combat sports and his capacity to advocate for the safety and fair treatment of its participants will be a great addition to the Commission. His perspective would be invaluable in ensuring regulations and decisions are effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Christian West  
President

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:08:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support! He will be an asset to the boxing commission and our athlete's.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:09:21 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mr. Vitale would fulfill the role as a boxing Commissioner undoubtedly. I stand in strong support of his consideration.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:09:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawika Kekuawela	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Falaniko Vitale

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:10:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keone Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of falaniko vitale

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:14:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Mueller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:14:46 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronny De Reis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support brother Falaniko Vitale being confirmed to the State Boxing Commission!

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:15:23 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dustin Vierra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:15:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nick West	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516 and Niko Vitale.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:17:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paquito KHD Capillan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:18:23 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chauncey Dunhour	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:18:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keenan Luke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support bill GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:19:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blake Soares	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Falaniko vitale nomination to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:20:11 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hubert Pruett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:20:36 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chaz Bajet	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:20:50 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Asiah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:21:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Kassebeer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Strong Support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:22:19 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha , I am in strong support of GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:22:29 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Klaneski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of gm516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:23:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Kekua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:24:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Saron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:25:26 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kona Makaula	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:25:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Dolan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:25:51 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anapuni Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In string support.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:25:52 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liam Wilmott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:25:56 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Al Savea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:26:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick trani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:26:23 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
anthony padilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i support gm516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:26:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sierra Revilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:26:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:27:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaai Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of gm516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:27:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Yuu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:27:17 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Conan K Donahue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:27:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Enriquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:28:00 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Amasiu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support GM516.

Mahalo

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:28:08 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelsey Beck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:28:50 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darby ventura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of Niko Vitale for Hawaii Boxing Commision. God Bless!

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:29:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pomai Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in strong support of GM516!

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:29:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blair Nahale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:29:47 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tumua Tuinei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:29:43 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Mueller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:30:31 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alfonso Pitolo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this. The right man for the job. And a strongly rooted veteran who has represented Hawaii.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:31:23 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth Cho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly believe Niko will be an excellent State Commissioner.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:32:28 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Dunhour	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:32:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Paling IV	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:33:27 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonovan Tuinei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of bill GM516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:33:43 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Collin Mansanas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of Falaniko Vitale.

Mahalo

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:34:17 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerome K H Kupukaa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:34:41 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zorich Palimoo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Falaniko vitale is a legend in combat sport and has my upmost strongest support in recognizing him for this position. He is the person you want in this role.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:36:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wade Terlep	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:37:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jay Amina III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:38:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Imiloa Koka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:38:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa masutani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Falaniko

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:39:03 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
noah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of bill GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:39:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

MAHALO

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:41:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:41:47 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:43:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support gm516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:48:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cole B Kashimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:49:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Mendiola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Keoni Mendiola,as an individual citizen like to strongly supports GM516. I can't think of a better nominee, than Hawaii's own, Falaniko Vitale to be considered for the state of Hawaii boxing commission. I feel,with his life long career and experience of being a professional fighter, he will surely be an asset to have for Hawaii's Boxing Commission.

MAHALO 🙌

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:52:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
thomas ilae timoteo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:54:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support bill gm516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:55:31 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Dudoit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Falaniko Vitale to the Hawaii State Boxing commission. I believe that the entire boxing community in the state of Hawaii will be better off having a man of Mr. Vitale's character and experience serving as a commissioner.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:55:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapukonakona Bagood-Makanui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:56:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ilima Maiava	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 9:58:18 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Pieper	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IN FULL SUPPORT

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 10:02:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Walter Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 10:04:29 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Chew	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of Falaniko Vitale to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii

Thank you

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 10:10:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Boy Timoteo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the confirmation of **Falaniko “Niko” Vitale** to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai‘i.

Mr. Vitale is a respected professional in the combat sports community with decades of experience as a competitor and mentor. He has consistently demonstrated leadership, integrity, and a deep commitment to uplifting youth and promoting safe, responsible training environments.

His firsthand knowledge of the sport and dedication to our community make him an excellent fit for the commission. I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

With appreciation,  
Boy Timoteo

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 10:57:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faifaiese Emosi Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 11:32:47 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jarred Burns	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 11:32:51 PM  
Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chad Failma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 12:30:12 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kamalu umu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 1:47:50 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lowen Tynanes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 3:39:07 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jowen Murray-Thornton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:09:37 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KAIKA SASAOKA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of this!

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:44:25 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kurt Ballao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 5:29:58 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Makana Fronda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of gm516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:10:02 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryson Wailehua-Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in strong support of GM516.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:26:06 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support for Falaniko Vitale.

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**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:31:50 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:34:00 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:36:31 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Bill GM516.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:53:45 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clayton Glass	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:57:01 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alana Kaili	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:09:46 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaleo Buck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:10:34 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashkhon Kuhaulua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM 516!!!

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:27:13 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hopena Pokipala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:33:17 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of testimony GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:40:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon-Louis Siracusa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:41:13 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Phlynn pennington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:57:03 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Guyson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:09:15 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawrence DeCosta III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in Support of this measure!

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 7:58:38 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Levi Archuleta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:12:03 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pita Hiko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong Support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:16:59 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Yoshimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of bill GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:18:18 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremy Inferrera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:18:41 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jared thornton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of GM516! Falaniko is just a really good person! Hard working and honest with tons of experience 👍

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:28:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seth Holck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:31:37 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cameron kama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of gm516

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:38:33 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Kodama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:43:12 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the recommendation of Faleniko Vitale.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 9:22:02 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
blayne dikito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 9:26:07 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mikaele yam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 10:36:47 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Tuinei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of GM516

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 12:27:11 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seen Morimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Strong support of GM 516.

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 4:05:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corwin tam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of gm516

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**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 6:00:51 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Crystal Pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Testimony in Support of Falaniko Vitale

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Falaniko Vitale as a gubernatorial nominee to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i, with a term set to expire on June 30, 2028.

Falaniko embodies the spirit of dedication and passion that is essential for this role. His extensive experience in the boxing community, coupled with his commitment to promoting the sport in a safe and fair manner, makes him an ideal candidate. Falaniko's understanding of the challenges faced by athletes and his advocacy for their well-being demonstrate his genuine care for the sport and its participants.

I believe that his leadership will bring positive changes and foster growth within the boxing community in Hawai'i. His vision for the sport aligns with the values we hold dear, and I am confident that he will serve with integrity and a strong sense of responsibility.

Thank you for considering this testimony in support of Falaniko Vitale.

~Crystal Pang

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 9:22:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Talaeai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in strong support of Niko Vitale!

**LATE**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM516**

**Nomination of Falaniko Vitale to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii**

**Submitted by: Millie Ho**

**Date: 04/10/2025**

**Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

**I am writing in strong support of the gubernatorial nomination of Falaniko Vitale to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.**

**Falaniko Vitale is more than just an accomplished athlete—he is the “People of Hawai‘i Champ.” Since entering the world of MMA in 1999, he has been a consistent force in the field, demonstrating not only exceptional skill but also humility, heart, and a deep sense of responsibility to his community. His decades of experience have made him an expert in the sport, and his dedication to sharing knowledge and mentoring the next generation is unmatched.**

**Falaniko’s lived experience, cultural grounding, and leadership in combat sports position him as an ideal candidate to help shape the future of boxing and MMA in Hawai‘i. He understands the needs of the athletes, the importance of safety, and the potential of this sport to uplift local youth and communities. I am confident that he will bring integrity, vision, and positive change to the State Boxing Commission.**

**I respectfully urge you to confirm Falaniko Vitale’s nomination.  
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.**

**Sincerely,  
Millie Ho  
(808) 294-9700  
millieho5@gmail.com**

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 4:21:58 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sisa Grey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Sisa Grey, and I'm writing with deep respect and full confidence in support of Falaniko Vitale and his nomination to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i.

This isn't just a formal endorsement, this is personal. My husband Tyman grew up with Niko, and we've known him nearly our entire lives. Through the years, we've watched him carry himself with consistency, strength, and humility, both in and out of the ring.

Falaniko has always been more than just a fighter. He's a man of principle, faith, and deep cultural pride. He's someone who shows up for his community, who understands the realities our athletes face, and who genuinely cares about the safety, fairness, and future of the sport.

He brings a wealth of experience and lived wisdom, something that can't be taught in a textbook. And he's someone who our young athletes can look up to, not just for what he's done, but for how he's done it.

I truly believe Niko is the right person to help guide and grow the boxing community here in Hawai'i. He's grounded, trustworthy, and committed to doing the work with heart and integrity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter of support. We're proud to stand behind Falaniko Vitale.

With aloha,

Sisa Grey

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 5:55:04 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
joseph simpliciano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I know Niko is the best candidate and I say this because he has so many values to bring to the sport. Falaniko is also a community person who has volunteered at many of our beach clean ups and Heiau restoration days at pokai bay. In order for any sports to be successful they have to be well rounded and grounded in community first and Niko is that person.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 6:23:48 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyce Moefu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in support of Falaniko Vitale being named to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 7:28:41 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meilin Vitale-Vae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Support for Falaniko Vitale's Confirmation

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a sister to support Falaniko Vitale's confirmation as a gubernatorial nominee to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i, with a term ending June 30, 2028.

Falaniko exemplifies the dedication and passion essential for this position. With years of extensive experience as a fighter, coach, trainer and ref in the boxing and community, He has the commitment to promoting the sport safely and fairly as an exceptional candidate. His deep understanding of the challenges athletes face and his advocacy for their well-being demonstrate his genuine dedication to the sport and its participants.

Falaniko embodies the values of truth, purity, and aloha. He is humble and gracious, standing firm in honor and striving for fairness in all he does.

I believe his leadership will hold a standard of positive change and growth within Hawai'i's boxing community. His vision and core values have always been to create a safe environment for everyone. I am confident he will serve with passion, integrity and responsibility.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of my brother, Falaniko Vitale.

Fa'afetai tele lava and Mahalo,  
Meilin Vitale-Vae

**LATE**

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 8:34:37 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
hilinai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hilina'i Kane and I am writing in strong support of Mr. Falaniko Vitale's nomination to serve on the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i.

As a respected fighter, mentor, and community leader, Mr. Vitale has dedicated much of his life to the sport of boxing and martial arts. His firsthand experience, deep knowledge, and unwavering commitment to the health, safety, and development of local athletes make him an ideal candidate for this role.

Falaniko has not only represented Hawai'i with pride in the ring, but has also uplifted our keiki and young fighters through mentorship, discipline, and positive example. His presence on the commission would ensure that decisions are made with integrity, fairness, and the best interest of our local fight community in mind.

I humbly urge you to confirm his appointment. His heart for the people, experience in the sport, and leadership rooted in aloha will be a tremendous asset to the Commission and to the future of boxing in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in full support.

Respectfully,

Hilina'i Kane

Honolulu, HI