

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

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, April 11, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 733, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EIICHI JUMAWAN,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive Officer of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii (Commission). The Commission supports the confirmation of Mr. Jumawan's appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Jumawan has been a prominent figure in the Hawaii boxing community for over 40 years. His accomplishments include being a two-time USA National Boxing Champion (1975, 1978), an alternate for the 1976 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team, and a six-time Hawaii State Boxing Champion with an amateur record of 169 bouts and 153 wins.

In addition to his athletic achievements, Mr. Jumawan has significant coaching and officiating experience. He has been the owner and head coach of Pearlside Boxing Gym since 1997 and holds certifications as a USA Boxing Level 3 Official and an AIBA 1-Star Official. He is also a Bronze Coach Clinician for USA Boxing and a Silver Level Certified Coach. Mr. Jumawan's leadership in boxing administration is also noteworthy. He served as President of USA Boxing-Hawaii from 1992-1996 and 2016-2023, and as a member of the Hawaii State Boxing Commission from 1996-2000.

Furthermore, Mr. Jumawan is committed to community service, providing boxing and fitness instruction to individuals of all ages, including specialized classes for those with Parkinson's disease. His business experience, including a 25-year career as an insurance agent with New York Life, further complements his qualifications.

Mr. Jumawan's extensive experience and commitment to the sport of boxing make him highly qualified candidate for the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Let me first state that I am a member of the State Boxing Commission (my term expires June 30, 2025), however, I am speaking on my own behalf and not as a Commissioner.

My name is Michael Freitas and I am testifying in support of Governor Greens appointment of Eiichi Jumawan to the State Boxing Commission.

I have known Mr. Jumawan for in excess of eight years and have found him to be an individual of high moral standards and integrity. Mr. Jumawan is well respected in the boxing community. His experience as an ameature boxer, professional boxer, coach and teacher on both the local and international level will be a great asset to the Commission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of his appointment to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Freitas

April 2, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: State Boxing Committee of Hawai'i Gubernatorial Nominee, Eiichi Jumawan

My name is Jacqueline Kurita. I am submitting this personal testimony regarding Eiichi Jumawan. I have known Eiichi Jumawan for over 15 years. My son Michael was a boxing student of his, which was when I first met Eiichi and his wife Robyn. We stayed in contact throughout the years. I also professionally work with Eiichi and Robyn when I was the gym Administrator for Thunder Boxing for three (3) years. I also had the opportunity to attend Eiichi's boxing clinics that he graciously put on for coaches, administrators, and officials (referred to herein as "boxing community").

Throughout the years, I have seen the achievements of Eiichi as a Professional Boxer, proud owner of Pearlside Boxing Club, the President of Hawaii's LBC, and the Chief of Officials. Eiichi has always been a professional with extreme knowledge of the sport of boxing. Without exception, the boxing community were always able to rely on Eiichi's professionalism, knowledge, skills, and talents to ensure the boxing community received the best representation and information to stay up to date with the USA Boxing rules and guidelines.

Whenever the coaches and administrators had questions, Eiichi never hesitated to assist in providing detailed answers and explanations to help the boxing clubs achieve success. Eiichi was very transparent and honest with his conduct and communication. Eiichi often held clinics, unselfishly teaching, guiding, training, and educating everyone, including the boxing community with his knowledge and skills as a boxer, owner, coach, and official.

Even more important than Eiichi's outstanding work and achievements within the boxing community, is Eiichi and Robyn's unconditional love and compassion to their members of Pearlside Boxing Club, including to the members of their exercise program tailored specifically for people with Parkinson's disease/symptoms. I was able to assist during my visit and seen Eiichi and Robyn's compassion, dedication, and commitment with the Parkinson's members. It was not a surprise as they are always same everywhere they go. It was truly a blessing to have been able to take part and interact with the Parkinson's members!

To love and have patience for all humans of different physical stature, not only exhibits Eiichi's humble character, but he shows true genuine humanity for all. Eiichi is more than capable and qualified to fulfill the Chairperson's seat for the State Boxing Committee of Hawaii with excellency and proficiency. As the often-used cliché goes, "the proof is in the pudding." Whenever I saw Eiichi, he was always engaging with everyone, compassionate, respectful, and of paramount importance, professional without bias.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kurita", is written over a circular stamp.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robyn Jumawan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Character testimony for Eiichi Jumawan in regards to nomination to Hawaii State Boxing Commission Chair Position

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Robyn Jumawan. I am presently a member of the State Boxing Commission; however, I am here speaking on my own behalf. I would like to submit testimony voicing my full support for Mr. Eiichi Jumawan to be appointed to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission in the position of Chairman.

Mr. Jumawan's experience in the boxing arena, physically, administratively and technically, is unparalleled. As you look at his resume, you will see that, at this time, there is no one more qualified than Mr. Jumawan to sit as Chair of this commission.

Mr. Jumawan has experience as both an amateur and pro athlete, a coach, a gym owner, a pro judge and referee, USA Boxing President, Official and Clinician and a mentor to a generation of new coaches and officials. He has a history of over 40 years in the sport of boxing and a working knowledge of how boxing has evolved here in Hawaii. His passion for boxing and the safety of the athletes is strong and undeniable.

Mr. Jumawan has served the boxing community selflessly for years, and this is another way that he can give back to make boxing, and possibly combat sports, even better. He is intelligent, articulate and has great administrative and leadership skills. Without his assistance and years of volunteering with USA Boxing, Hawaii would not have the thriving amateur program we currently have today. I know he will be a great asset to the Commission and to making it strong and up to date.

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

TESTIMONY  
OF  
MILES I. INO

Before the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Friday, April 11, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 733**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of**  
**Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, EIICHI JUMAWAN,**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2029.**

Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Committee:

It is my privilege to submit testimony in **strong support** of Eichi Jumawan's confirmation to the State of Hawaii Boxing Commission.

Coach Jumawan has been intimately involved in the sport of boxing since the early 70's. He has impressive accomplishments as a boxer – 2-time USA National Boxing Champion, National Golden Glove Silver Medalist, 5-time Hawaii Golden Glove Champion, 6-time Hawaii State Boxing champion, an amateur boxing record of 153 wins, 16 losses and a professional boxing record of 7-0-1. He was served as President of USA Boxing-Hawaii for 12 years and later became the Hawaii Chief of Officials for USA Boxing from 1985 to 2011. Coach Jumawan has earned numerous certifications including: OIC (Official In Charge), Master Official, SafeSport, R/J Clinician, Coaching Education Clinician, Nutrition Certification, and Strength and Conditioning Certification.

On a personal level, I became acquainted with Coach Jumawan in 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. Coach Jumawan is one of just a few Rock Steady Boxing certified trainers in Hawaii and he has developed a Rock Steady Boxing Affiliate Program at Pearlside Boxing Gym that has attracted and helped dozens of individuals with Parkinson's Disease. Coach Jumawan earnestly demonstrates daily the mission of Rock Steady Boxing -- to improve the quality of life of people with Parkinson's disease through a non-contact, boxing-based fitness curriculum. During my classes with the Rock Steady Boxing program at Pearlside Boxing Gym, I've come to appreciate Coach Jumawan's outstanding character, his sincere desire to help others overcome their personal challenges, his untiring commitment to the Rock Steady program mission and to the sport of boxing. He has a tremendous attention to detail, keen problem-solving skills, and a solid understanding boxing and physical development. I can think of no finer candidate for the boxing commission, and **I wholeheartedly support** his nomination to the State of Hawaii Boxing Commission as its Chairperson.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony

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

Comments:

I've know Coach Jumawan for years and think him to be a man of the highest integrity. His contributions to the sport of boxing as a fighter, coach, trainer, official and Chair of USA Boxing Hawaii have all served to make him a sought after local authority oon the sport. I cannot think of a man better suited to serve as a commissioner and, eventualy, its Chair then Coach Jumawan. I whole-heartedly support his confrimation.

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Mike Yadao



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Reed	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Floyd Mayweather Jr., Mike Tyson, Conor McGregor, Gervonta Davis, and Olympic boxer Harry Garside have been convicted for crimes like punching, strangling, and raping women. Recently, Andrew and Tristan Tate or the Tate brothers have made the news. Not too long ago, I supported a co-worker whose grandson intervened to stop a boxer from beating his mother (who knocked out her teeth and landed her in the emergency room). The boxer dangled the young boy over a balcony. These cases illustrate the need for commissions to take more preventative and disciplinary actions.

In 2015, President Jimmy Carter urged key institutions to get more involved in violence against women in an interview entitled "The Stream-President Jimmy Carter's Call to Action on Women's Rights." Certainly, the Boxing Commission is a relevant institution.

For leaders who wish to learn more about batterers, I recommend "The Profile and Tactics of Men Who Abuse Women," "Can a Counseling Program Change Him," *Why Does He Do That?*, and *The Batterer as Parent* by expert Lundy Bancroft, as well as experts Ed Gondolf and Barry Goldstein. Quality documentaries include *To Kill a Tiger*, *O.J. Simpson: The Lost Confession*, *The Life and Murder of Nicole Brown Simpson*, *Disclosure*, and *Behind Closed Doors*.

If elected, will Mr. Jumawan take commonsense actions to reduce the rates of boxers who use violence against women? Will he encourage the participation of fellow commissioners ? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erica Reed

Concerned Citizen &amp; Advocate