

GM 49

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL FREITAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: State Boxing Commission of Hawaii

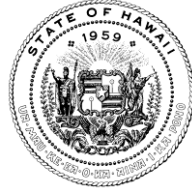
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
First Special Session of 2017
Tuesday, August 29, 2017
1:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 49**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MICHAEL FREITAS**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 49, nominating Mr. Michael Freitas for membership on the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii ("Commission") for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Mr. Freitas is a long-time resident of the State of Hawaii who built a career in management, facilitation, and complaint resolution for government agencies at all

levels. Most recently, Mr. Frietas was responsible for advising and handling many of the City and County of Honolulu's more complex complaint-related issues, demonstrating his capacity to effectively manage novel and intricate issues to resolution. These skills will be valuable for serving on the Commission where there is always the potential for new and unique issues to arise.

Additionally, Mr. Freitas has a continuing desire to serve the State in a volunteer capacity on the Commission, and he has had experience in serving as an appointed member of government committees and commissions at both the county and state levels. With his previous experience in appointed roles, Mr. Freitas is aware of the requirements related to service, such as regularly attending Commission meetings and preparing for deliberations ahead of time, and he remains interested in contributing to the community by being a part of the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Freitas' nomination to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker 8/23/2017
Chairperson
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hi, 96812

From: Mr. Herbert B.S. Minn

Re: Confirmation of Appointment of Michael Freitas as Chairman of the Hawaii
State Boxing Commission

Aloha Chairperson Baker and other Committee members,
I would like to endorse the appointment of Michael Freitas for the
position of Chairperson for the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

Mahalo,

Herbert Minn
Former Chairperson,
Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

As a boxing fan I would like to try to rejuvenate the boxing program in Hawaii

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

The commissions sole responsibility is the management, direction and control over all professional and amateur boxing to be held in the State of Hawaii

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

To provide a sporting event that is both competitive and entertaining to the consumer, while also insuring the safety of the participants.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

My primary expertise is in Administering and processing contracts. As the Carrier Performance Director I was responsible for monitoring and enforcing rules and regulations set forth in contracts.

As the Cities Complaints Officer my staff and I reviewed and processed in excess of ten thousand complaints a year while working under adverse conditions.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To rejuvenate the sport of boxing in Hawaii

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

My ability to work under pressure

My knowledge of processes and how they work

My knowledge of rules and regulations and how to work with others.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

As a previous Barbers Point Redevelopment Commission member we had do deal with a situation where a flight instruction school wanted to use part of Barbers Point as a training facility. We as commissioners came up with an amicable solution for both the school and the community, who was opposed to the flight school. This involved meeting with all parties and vetting concerns and coming up with solutions.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest However should one arise I would go to the State Ethics Commission or other appropriate agency for guidance.