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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, amateur boxing contests were placed under the
2 control and supervision of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii
3 pursuant to section 440-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii was created
6 to ensure that sportsmanship was not overshadowed by business
7 concerns, and to promote the principles of fair play and honesty
8 in the regulation of boxing in Hawaii; and
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10 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding decisions
11 whereby the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii granted licenses
12 and permits in disregard of chapter 74, Hawaii Administrative
13 Rules and questionable actions of the Chairperson and Vice
14 Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii has been
17 accused of bypassing rules relating to safety, including:
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- 19 (1) Issuing licenses for boxers pursuant to section
20 16-74-19, Hawaii Administrative Rules, without the
21 required physician report;
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- 23 (2) Failing to enforce section 16-74-97, Hawaii
24 Administrative Rules, which requires that a Commission
25 physician be present at all boxing bouts; and
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- 27 (3) Refusing to permit interested parties from raising
28 concerns about boxer license applicants abilities,
29 resulting in unqualified boxers grossly mismatched
30 with professional boxers; and
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32 WHEREAS, accusations have been made that the State Boxing
33 Commission of Hawaii has failed to enforce section 16-74-218,



1 Hawaii Administrative Rules, relating to contracts for bouts,
2 resulting in boxers being unaware of the terms of their contract
3 at the time of the fight; and
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5 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the
6 Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii allegedly
7 soliciting amateur fighters and offering them incentives to turn
8 professional, including offering to train them himself, which
9 would be a potential conflict of interest; and
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11 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the Vice
12 Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, whose
13 husband was formerly the head of Amateur Boxing in Hawaii and is
14 under investigation by the National Amateur Boxing Association,
15 allegedly being in a potential conflict of interest; and
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17 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the State
18 Boxing Commission of Hawaii's refusal to approve an
19 organization's application for contests, despite the
20 organization having submitted the appropriate documentation; and
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22 WHEREAS, without the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii's
23 approval for Amateur Boxing contests, more than one hundred
24 seventy young amateur boxers throughout the State are in
25 jeopardy of missing opportunities for athletic competition and
26 scholarships; and
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28 WHEREAS, Amateur Boxing benefits Hawaii's youth, including
29 creating opportunities to earn college scholarships; and
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31 WHEREAS, the questionable actions of the State Boxing
32 Commission of Hawaii, particularly in its dealings with Amateur
33 Boxing, deserves examination and review; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
37 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
38 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of the
39 State Boxing Commission of Hawaii; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
42 submit a report of any findings and recommendations to the
43 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
44 the Regular Session of 2010; and

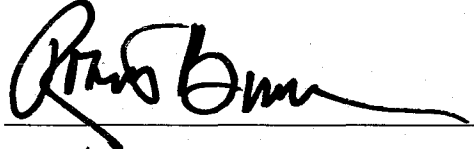


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the State Auditor, and the Chairperson of the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii.

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