

JAN 31 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET WITH INTERESTED PARTIES TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A BOXING PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST ONE OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

- 1 WHEREAS, boxing is a popular and exciting sport; and
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3 WHEREAS, boxing provides a full-body workout, serves as an
4 outlet for stress, teaches self-defense skills, and can help
5 with weight management; and
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7 WHEREAS, boxing teaches children and young adults about
8 hard work, dedication, and focus, all valuable skills that can
9 be used throughout life; and
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11 WHEREAS, boxing can also help to boost young athletes'
12 self-esteem; and
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14 WHEREAS, the rules and safety guidelines of professional
15 boxing are different from the rules and safety guidelines of
16 youth and amateur boxing; and
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18 WHEREAS, the safety guidelines in youth and amateur boxing
19 are strict, including but not limited to the requirement that
20 athletes wear head gear, athletic cups, mouth guards, padding,
21 and other protective equipment; and
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23 WHEREAS, at least one study has found that there is no
24 evidence of a strong association between amateur boxing and
25 chronic traumatic brain injury; and
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27 WHEREAS, high schools in California, Colorado, Michigan,
28 Ohio, and New York have successful boxing programs or clubs; and
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1 WHEREAS, currently young adults in Hawaii can participate
 2 in boxing only through private boxing gyms and facilities, which
 3 can be costly for young adults; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's students could benefit from having a
 6 boxing program within the public high school system; now,
 7 therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
 11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 12 Education is requested to meet with interested parties to
 13 examine the feasibility of establishing a boxing pilot program
 14 in at least one of Hawaii's public high schools; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 17 requested to report back to the Legislature no later than twenty
 18 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014
 19 whether a boxing pilot program was deemed to be feasible, its
 20 efforts to establish a boxing pilot program, and the outcomes of
 21 the boxing pilot program if a program is established; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
 25 of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chair of the Hawaii
 26 State Boxing Commission, Hawaii High School Athletic
 27 Association, and Amateur Boxing Association.
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