STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1675

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2007

RE:

H.B. No. 1866

H.D. 3

S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to give the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs licensing authority to regulate mixed martial arts contests.

Furthermore, this measure bans no rules combat, extreme or ultimate fighting, or similar contests.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that mixed martial arts are currently unregulated. Without regulatory safeguards in place, there is a possibility of serious injuries to contestants and spectators, or that events may not be authentic, and thus work a fraud upon spectators to those events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Setting out the prohibition against no rules combat, extreme or ultimate fighting, or similar contests as a separate section in the new chapter;

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- (2) Changing the effective date of this Act to provide that:
  - (A) The powers and duties of the director under the new chapter created by this Act take effect upon approval;
  - (B) The appropriation section takes effect on July 1, 2007; and
  - (C) The rest of the measure, including the repeal of chapter 440D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, takes effect on July 1, 2009.
- (3) Changing the appropriations to blank amounts; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive changes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 3, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*  HB 1066 HD3, CD1	Committee Referral:		Date: 3/30/07	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)				
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne			,	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				
KIM, Donna Mercado				
MENOR, Ron		1.000 (40.00 (00.00 (10		
TOKUDA, Jill N.			Clarify to a few desires access	
HEMMINGS, Fred				
WHALEN, Paul				
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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