

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 5**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 370

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 370  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement that  
an ambulance with paramedics be present at mixed martial arts  
events.

The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, O2 Martial Arts  
Academy, and one concerned individual provided testimony in  
support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the presence of an ambulance and  
paramedics at mixed martial arts events does not provide  
significant additional protections to contestants and may not be  
available for this purpose anyway, especially on the Neighbor  
Islands. Your Committee further finds that the existing  
requirement provided in section 440E-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
that two licensed physicians also be present at these events  
ensures that sufficient care is available to an injured contestant  
for the short duration it takes for an ambulance to arrive at the  
scene.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your  
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 370



and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

*Della A. Belatti*

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



