

# GM626

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, NANTE MANANGAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019 (as amended by GM874).

**Report Title:** State Boxing Commission of Hawaii

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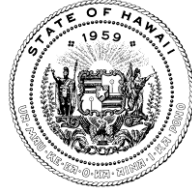
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## PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 626**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION OF HAWAII**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **NANTE MANANGAN**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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. 626, nominating Mr. Nante Manangan for membership on the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii ("Commission") for a term to expire June 30, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Department notes that Governor's Message No. 626 was corrected by Governor's Message No. 874, amending the seat designation for Mr. Manangan's nomination to the Commission. Accordingly, these comments are in reference to Mr. Manangan's nomination as a public member of the Commission.

Mr. Manangan has built up an extensive background in the different areas of boxing training, promotion, and events in Hawaii after founding his own boxing club in 1996 on the Island of Maui, which he continues to run as its Chief Executive Officer. Just a couple of the many roles Mr. Manangan has taken on in proliferating boxing on the Valley Isle include acting as an events promoter and as a coach for numerous boxers of different skill and age levels.

In addition, the nominee is familiar with the different functions of the Commission that collectively provide the Commission with the ability to oversee all professional and amateur boxing activities in the State, including the ability to promulgate administrative rules, grant and suspend licenses, and other various other functions. Mr. Manangan also understands his responsibility to attend and prepare for the Commission's periodic meetings.

Given Mr. Manangan's dedication to encouraging and promoting the sport and business of boxing in his community, as well as his broad experience and understanding of local boxing environment, the Department believes that he is in a good position to positively contribute to the Commission.

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

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Re: Nante Manangan, Nomination Number GM62

Dear Senator Baker:

Please accept this letter in support of Nante Manangan's nomination to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission.

By way of introduction, my name is Arnold Urquidez, President of USASIA CONSULTING Inc. Since 2007, we have helped companies in many industries, including sports, with strategic guidance to enter the Asian market. We brokered American amateur and professional athletes into China and Chinese athletes to the United States.

Since 2006, I served as an expert consultant with the Chinese Olympic Boxing Team (male) in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, which won its first gold medal. I also served as Head Boxing Coach at Beijing Sports University whose students compete nation wide and are nationally ranked.

I have known Nante Manangan since first coming to the Island of Maui in approximately 2009. Nante has served the community and its at-risk youth for over 20 years. He works with probation officers, police officers, and the school district to help troubled youth by teaching them discipline through the sport of boxing. There are times he houses them and feeds them as well. He has paid for their training, equipment, fees, travel and hotel out of his own pocket just to make sure these youth stay on the straight and narrow.

In 2013, Nante was nominated and received the Gintong Panama, Golden Leadership Award, from the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce for his Boxing Under the Stars fundraiser and lifetime dedication to the youth of Maui.

His generosity of spirit and heart inspires others and has inspired me to help coach as well when I am on the island of Maui. I encourage you to ratify this nomination because people like Nante are needed in today's commissions. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.



ARNOLD URQUIDEZ

April 20, 2015

To Honorable Senators of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs,

As Past President of Amateur Boxing of Hawaii Inc. I highly support the nomination of Nante Managan to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission. Mr. Managan has served USA Boxing Hawaii with the highest integrity for over 20 yrs ... His knowledge of boxing as coach, manager and administrator is impeccable.

If you have any questions call me at 808-542-1181 or email me at [bkawano@aol.com](mailto:bkawano@aol.com)

Thank You for Your Time!!

Bruce Kawano

April 20, 2015

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Chair  
415 South Beretania St., 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
(808)-586-6070

Re: Nante Manangan Nomination Number GM626

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Nante Manangan. I have known Nante for 3 years now and I am currently his Secretary and Operations Coordinator for Southside Boxing Club of Maui Inc., which he is the founder of. There are numerous reasons Nante will be an asset to the State Boxing Commission. He is intelligent, a diligent coach/worker, and embodies the characteristics and skills needed to be a team player and also move the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii program forward.

Professionally, Nante is the Founder, CEO and Promoter of Southside Boxing Club of Maui Inc. He has worked extremely hard for the past 20 years teaching at-risk youth in our community the fundamentals of boxing. He fosters and encourages focus, determination, as well as a sense of purpose and belonging. Nante is not afraid to take on difficult duties and he completes tasks that go above and beyond the call of duty.

Another imperative quality that Nante has is the distinct ability to listen to others. Nante understands his boxers very well and is able to create a nurturing and safe place for them to train at. I know that the Southside Boxers connect with Nante and trust him on a personal level. He also advises them on their academic and personal journeys. I have observed Nante practice active listening with his boxers. He is able to calm them down when they are in a panic. This is one of the most critical skills and qualities an effective team member must have when in a board. The ability to listen is one quality that is very difficult to teach and learn.

I also have the pleasure of knowing Nante on a personal level as well. He is an excellent husband, father, grandfather and friend. Nante always puts the needs of others above his own, many times at his own detriment. He is a very giving person and works tirelessly to make sure his loved ones are happy and healthy.

I enthusiastically recommend, Nante Manangan, for the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Southside Boxing Club of Maui Inc.  
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Dear Sirs,

This letter is to endorse Nante Manangan. I have known Nante for the past six years and regard him as one of the local leaders to assist troubled youth in Maui. Nante's has worked tirelessly for the last 15 years to introduce local children to boxing and instill discipline through training and competitions. Nante has conducted himself to the highest ethical standards and made personal sacrifices to assist troubled youth. He is a role model for hundreds of children. I fully support his nomination and recommend Nante for the considered position.

Thanks,

Markus



Markus Schale  
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April 18, 2015

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
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(808)-586-6070 (Phone)

Re: Nante Manangan Nomination Number GM626

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing you this letter to consider me for the State Boxing Commission of Hawaii. My passion for boxing began at a young age, I started boxing in Molokai, Hawaii at the age of 13 in 1969. In 1996, I founded Southside Boxing Club of Maui, Inc. and in 2011 we became a 501 C3 non-profit organization. For the past 20 years, it has been my honor and privilege to teach at-risk youth in our community the fundamentals of boxing. We foster and encourage focus, determination, as well as a sense of purpose and belonging. Our strict no drug, no street-violence policy builds athletes who practice good sportsmanship with good character.

I would like to be a member on the Commission to give a voice to the sport of boxing, especially one from the neighbor islands. I coach athletes that range in age from 5 to 40 and being part of the Commission would allow me to stay on top of the most recent information out there. A key issue for me is safety and regulations, and as a member of the Commission I would be privy to these conversations.

Communication is key when trying to coach as well as deal with any individual on a personal and business level. I have the ability to communicate with and relate too many from various backgrounds including age, race, gender, and personalities within our community. I truly enjoy and love working with people and embrace their diversity. I have the desire to aid any and all of their goals as well as assist them to realize and achieve their greatest potential and strength through the knowledge of boxing that I have gained through many years of experience.

I am goal-oriented and extremely determined. This determination has allowed me to found a boxing club for 20 years which has grown in size over the years and has allowed me to create more activities on the island that has positively impacted Maui. I believe the qualities I possess will benefit the commission because of my diversity, leadership, love of people and boxing skills. I am able to reach out to many and open doors for those eager for the knowledge and discipline of boxing and this will extend into their personal lives making our community stronger.

I believe I will be able to meet the expectations of the mandated roles and responsibilities of a member of the Commission. I am very knowledgeable about the sport of boxing, understand the complexities of the sport, and am able to work collaboratively to bring structure to the sport. I

feel I would be an effective representative from the island of Maui and bring that perspective to the table to ensure equity amongst the different islands.

I feel the best way to protect the consumer is through education. By being the most knowledgeable about current issues and always keeping on top of the present findings, I can properly inform current and future boxers what they are getting into and what they can expect from participating in this sport. Knowing the pros and cons of a sport and being properly informed is the most important factor to prevent any kind of misconceptions or fallacies.

In closing, within my term of service, I hope to accomplish a more collaborative and communicative relationship with fellow board members and also with all of the athletes in the sport of boxing. I am confident that my skills are well-aligned with the role, and that I would be an excellent fit for this position. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (808) 385-4945.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nante Manangan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Nante Manangan  
Founder/CEO Southside Boxing Club of Maui, Inc.