

SPORT EQUITY

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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Tommy Waters Council Chair and Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support Bill 93

Dear Chair Waters,

Sport Equity works to end gender discrimination in professional athletic competitions held in public parks, public roadways, public waters, public waterways, submerged lands, public lands and public facilities.

We respectfully request that the City Council approve Bill 93 in support of inclusion, access and equality in professional sports. Unfair and discriminatory business practices prevent women professional surfers from utilizing public resources and coastal access. We support gender equity as a requirement of a park use permit for all professional sports competitions.

We appreciate Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's hard work on Bill 93 and look forward to engaging in the public process described at the March 4, 2021 City Council meeting by Laura H. Thielen, Director of Parks and Recreation. We support a future park use permit application and review process that is in alignment with existing civil rights law. We urge the Department of Parks and Recreation to move quickly to correct gender discrimination and provide equal opportunity.

Please support Bill 93.

Thank you,

Sabrina Brennan Founder, Sport Equity

Copy: Karen Tynan, CEWS Founding Counsel