

## SPORT EQUITY

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Sunday, January 19, 2020

Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi and Committee Members  
Honolulu Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Support Resolution 20-12**

Dear Chair Tsuneyoshi,

Sport Equity works to end gender discrimination in professional athletic competitions held on public land, public roadways and in public facilities.

**We strongly support gender equity for all professional surfing competitions held on Oahu.**

We respectfully urge the committee to support gender equality in professional sports by voting for Resolution 20-12. We appreciate the effort and staff time that went into drafting a resolution that is consistent with federal and state civil rights laws.

Please allow me to provide some background. In 2015, I advocated for the inclusion of women in the Mavericks big wave surf competition by asking the California Coastal Commission to require a women's heat.

In 2016, I co-founded the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing and developed a plan for the inclusion of a women's division at Mavericks. The Coastal Commission unanimously approved the plan.

In 2018, the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing won the fight for global pay parity in professional surfing. Our work is the subject of two documentary films and hundreds of news stories. In February 2019, a feature story by Dan Duane was published in New York Times Magazine, "[The Fight for Gender Equality. In One of the Most Dangerous Sports on Earth.](#)"

In early 2019, I founded Sport Equity and fought for the inclusion of cycling in California Assembly Bill 467. That spring and summer, at the capitol in Sacramento I lobbied for the inclusion of state highways and roadways, equal racing time and equal pay for women cyclists in the Tour of California. My advocacy resulted in the "streets and roadways" amendment.

On Sept 9, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 467 into law. The new law requires equal pay for athletic competitions held on state lands and roadways that include gendered categories/divisions for women and men.

Increasing the number of events and the number of awards for women, as well as offering equal prize money, is the only way to achieve meaningful equity in competitive sports.

Please support Resolution 20-12.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabrina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the beginning.

Sabrina Brennan  
Founder, Sport Equity  
Moss Beach, CA