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Monday, November 16, 2020

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

Re: **Amend Bill 10** (2020) – Agenda Item 5

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 support gender equity for sports activities as a condition of a park use permit. We respectfully request that the Committee on Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs remove loopholes from Bill 10 to better support equality in professional sports.

We are concerned that Section 2 is not consistent with federal and state civil rights laws.

Please remove exceptions (i), (ii) and (iii).

Bill 10 includes amendments to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) "Permits" section 10-1.3 (a.3). The following subsection has been added to support gender parity however exceptions (i), (ii) and (iii) negate the intended purpose of the proposed law.

(A) Gender Equity. The department of parks and recreation shall not give preferential treatment to requests for permits for male activities over permits for female activities.

This requirement does not apply if:

- (i) The sports activity is limited to one gender;
- (ii) The rules governing a particular sports activity expressly prohibits the participation of a particular gender; and
- (iii) Permits are made available on an equal basis for a similar activity with participants of another gender or to participants of all genders.

Exceptions (i), (ii) and (iii) provide loopholes and a way out for athletic competition organizers that may result in gender discrimination. Please remove all three exceptions from Bill 10.

We support the inclusion of women in all professional surf competitions. We agree with the letter from the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing submitted on Feb 18, 2020 to the Honolulu City Council regarding Bill 10. See attached.

Please amend Bill 10.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sabrina". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Chair Ikaika Anderson and Councilmembers
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Concerns Regarding BILL 10-2020**

Dear Chair Anderson,

The Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing supports amending BILL 10-2020.

Please amend BILL 10-2020 to require the inclusion of a women's division and a men's division in all professional surfing competitions held on Oahu.

All sports competitions held solely on land, property, or facilities owned by the City and County of Honolulu and any event that awards prize compensation to competitors shall require as a condition of a permit that the event have gendered categories and the prize compensation for each gendered category be identical at each participant level.

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.

Thank you,

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