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### **Premiere of film “Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX” set for March 21**

The Committee on the Status of Women in partnership with Prevention Awareness Understanding (PAU) Violence Kaua'i, will premiere the film, “Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX” at the Kaua'i Community College Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 21. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the film begins at 6 p.m.

Admission is free and DVD copies will be available for purchase. Filmgoers will have a chance to meet Hawai'i-born director, writer, and producer Dean Kaneshiro and co-producer Ryan Kalei Tsuji, who was a former UH Wahine Volleyball Assistant Coach and UH Athletics commentator.

“Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX” is a historical sports documentary chronicling the birth of the first Rainbow Wahine volleyball team during a time of great change for women's equality. This documentary tells the untold story of a group of women from Hawai'i who battled inequality issues, leading up to the passing of Title IX.

The Committee on the Status of Women is part of the County of Kaua'i Boards and Commissions, and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, which develops and promotes education, interactive opportunities on issues relating to women and girls, prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, and encouraging health and wellness awareness. You may visit the Committee on the Status of Women Website at

[www.kauai.gov/kccsw](http://www.kauai.gov/kccsw).



For more information please contact, Edith Ignacio-Neumiller at 639-9973 or [ainapono@gmail.com](mailto:ainapono@gmail.com). You may also contact Sandra Muragin with the Office of Boards and Commissions at 808-241-4919 or [smuragin@kauai.gov](mailto:smuragin@kauai.gov).

If you need an ASL Interpreter, materials in an alternate format or other auxiliary aid support, or an interpreter for a language other than English, please contact Anela Segreti at 808-241-4917 or [asegreti@kauai.gov](mailto:asegreti@kauai.gov) at least seven calendar days prior to the event.



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Imagine a world where doors of opportunity are shut to your dreams...



**Film premier presented by  
The Committee on the Status of Women  
&  
Prevention Awareness Understanding (PAU)**



**Violence Kaua'i**



**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**Performing Arts Center, Kaua'i Community College**

**\*\*Free Admission - DVD copies available for purchase\*\***

**Doors open 5:00 p.m.**

**Movie starts 6:00 p.m.**

Meet Director/Writer/Producer Dean Kaneshiro and Co-Producer Ryan Kalei Tsuji  
*Winner of the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Hawai'i International Film Festival*

For more information visit [www.kauai.gov/kccsw](http://www.kauai.gov/kccsw) or contact:  
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