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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

Thursday, February 15, 2018
8:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HB 2448 HD 1
RELATING TO INNOVATION BUSINESS.

Chairs Lee and Evans, Vice Chairs Lowen and Keohokalole, and Members of the House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection and Economic Development and Business.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HB 2448 HD 1 Relating to Innovation Business. HB 2448 HD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 344, the State's Environmental Policy, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; HB 2448 HD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 9, relating to improving industry, innovation, and infrastructure by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 9 to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning recommends codifying this proposal in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2448-HD-1

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Testimony for EEP on 2/15/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
BUSINESS
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
8:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325
RE: **Testimony in Support** of HB 2448 HD1, RELATING TO INNOVATION
BUSINESS**

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

To the Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair; the Honorable Jarrett Keohokalol, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No.2448 HD1 relating to United Nations' Global Goal Nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2448 HD1 and supports its passage as the purpose of this Act is to codify the State's commitment to conservation and sustainability by including goal nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure, of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indicators, with references to existing state sustainability programs, if applicable, in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

House Bill No.2448 HD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure.

The DPH Platform states that a "diversified and healthy economy in Hawai'i requires a well-educated and healthy citizenry. To encourage existing and new enterprise, we need to develop a combination of tax policies and credits, lending programs, and financial incentives that will attract the business community. The creation of intellectual property and new start-ups should be a part of the curriculum of our business schools. Business training should stress ethical company management that is responsive to customer needs.

State and county governments have a key role to play in setting reasonable standards for industry and trade. As market conditions change, government agencies must adapt and revise regulations to promote "green" sustainable industries that are compatible with preserving the natural and scenic beauty of Hawai'i. In this regard, we must find ways to stimulate recycling and biodegradable packaging to minimize landfill needs. We must move from carbon-based power to electric power.

Improvements to infrastructure are critical to providing a healthy base to the Hawaiian economy. Upgrading publicly-owned waterworks, preserving agricultural water sources, improving public transportation, redesigning mass transit, and supporting universal basic education for all children are key elements in maintaining a strong, sustainable economy in Hawai'i. In addition, we must abandon the "throwaway" economy to avoid wasting our valuable resources." (Platform of DPH, P. 1, Lines 38-54 (2016)).

We recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers immense potential for our community, government, including institutions of higher education and business sectors. We encourage synergistic

research, development, commercialization and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. In particular, we support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state. We also support programs that facilitate incubator, i.e. start-up, opportunities for new and promising technologies, and encourage the local retention of our intellectual resources." (Platform of DPH, P. 3, Lines 149-156 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No.2448 HD1 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why would you ever base your goals on a failing one like the United Nations? Come on.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Aloha,

Why not also add Sustainable Goal #8 to this bill too? SDG #8 also pertains to sustainable economic growth.

You could even add Sustainable Goal #7 if you consider "affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all" a part of innovation business.

Mahalo for supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Hawaii needs to start embracing sustainability!