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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2661, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2661, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to add a new section to Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), entitled Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The seventeen United Nations SDGs are a commitment to conservation, sustainability, and economic development. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it complements many of the Department's ongoing initiatives, and provides the following comments.**

Goal 2: Zero Hunger. The Department supports the diversification of agricultural systems by providing technical and financial assistance through the Forest Stewardship Program to landowners interested in developing agroforestry systems that produce food and other forest products. Statewide, Forest Reserves and Public Hunting Areas provide opportunities for hunting and gathering of food resources for personal collection. The Department is working to preserve the genetic diversity of Hawaii by following the lead of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and created the Hawaii Strategy for Plant Conservation (<http://laukahi.org/hawaii-strategy-for-plant-conservation/>) to commit to secure seed collections from 75% of Hawaii's most important plant species by 2020. In 2012, 73% of Hawaii's 'important' plants had already been collected from. However, most of these collections were not large enough to meet the needs of restoration programs so more work needs to be done to increase the number and quality of these collections. Hawaii's native plant seed and tissue storage facilities provide vital infrastructure and technical capacity for tropical food crop genetic storage to meet our sustainability goals.

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Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being. The Department asserts that urban forest areas and tree lined streets have been shown to reduce crime and slow traffic. Further, placing trees next to freeways and roads, and having roads pass through and by green areas, reduce driver stress as measured by blood pressure, heart rate, and sympathetic nervous system changes resulting in healthier communities.

Goal 4: Quality Education. The Department recognizes the importance of providing on the job training for youth and has partnered with organizations, such as Kupu who leverage State and Federal grant funds to provide service-learning programs in conservation, renewable energy, agriculture, and sustainability as a catalyst to restore communities and build a more sustainable future for Hawaii. Many Kupu interns have gone on to lead successful careers in the Department and elsewhere. The Department also supports training for educators through the Project Learning Tree that connects placed based environmental issues with national teaching standards for students.

Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. The Department recognizes that watershed protection is a corner piece to meeting a multitude of the SDGs and agrees with their inclusion of the subject in Goal 6. The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife is actively carrying out management actions to work toward this goal to protect 30% (253,000 acres) of priority watersheds by 2030, as are 10 Watershed Partnerships representing a spectrum of public and private landowners across five islands.

Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. Natural resource related employment already accounts for a significant proportion of the State's green economy and will continue to be an important part of a growing sustainable economy. The most recent statistical analysis of the green job market by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations estimates that there are over 11,000 green jobs making up 2.4 percent of Hawaii's private sector alone.

The Department notes that part of Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation and Goal 11: Make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, includes the preservation, maintenance, and expansion of green infrastructure, including our urban forests and trees. Urban forests can play a significant role in building healthier communities and people, cooling heat islands in cities, improving sales in business districts, and protecting communities from the impacts from storm events and natural disasters through storm-water mitigation and absorption.

The Department notes that portions of Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, Goal 14: Life Below Water, and Goal 15: Life on Land are core to the mission of the Department to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems and their intrinsic and ecosystem service values.

Goal 13: Climate Action. The Department understands that protecting and increasing the footprint of our native forests will have as much as an impact on mitigating the effects of climate change as reducing our carbon emissions. To address this goal, the Department must increase capacity. By reforesting grasslands under the jurisdiction of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife alone the State could sequester 5 billion tons of carbon from the atmosphere. Native forest also

mitigates climate change by keeping the island cooler, protecting our reefs from being smothered by runoff, protecting communities from the impacts from storm events and natural disasters through storm-water mitigation and absorption, and efficiently collecting rainwater for our aquifers.

The Department recognizes the vital importance of Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals, to get this critical work done. The Department currently receives less than 1% of the state budget to manage state lands mauka to makai but has used innovative approaches to strategically engage partners and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes through such programs as Watershed Partnerships and Invasive Species Committees. In this spirit, the Department has been working to identify alternative means of funding conservation actions, including building public-private partnerships to help manage and steward Hawaii's natural resources. For example, in 2017, the Department partnered with Coca-Cola to fund a project for watershed protection in the headwaters for Coca-Cola's bottling facility. The Department is currently exploring a public-private partnership for a voluntary carbon offset/credit program that would fund the reforestation of grassland areas in Pu'u Mali, Hawaii Island and Kahikinui and Nakula reserves on Maui. Department is pleased that the Legislature supports this pono approach to implementing these actions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 04/04/2018
Time: 01:30 PM
Location: 308
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2661, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Purpose of Bill: Codifies sustainable development goals based on all seventeen of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators. (SB2661 HD1)

Department's Position:

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

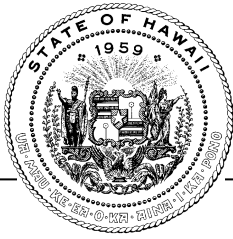
The Department of Education (Department) appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2661, SD2, HD1, which codifies the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Hawaii has always been a leader in sustainability across the nation and the Department appreciates this measure, which clearly articulates a defined set of goals and objectives for the State to work together toward increased sustainability and an improvement in the quality of life for our state's residents. In particular, goal four articulates a number of actions toward ensuring inclusive and equitable education that aligns with the Joint Department of Education and Board of Education Strategic Plan, including a focus on literacy, career and technical education, teacher recruitment and retention, and expanding the Department's partnerships. In addition, the Department was an active participant in the World Conservation Congress that was held in Hawaii in 2016, and created an online resource bank to provide K-12 educators with a starting point for locating resources relevant to the themes of the Congress, such as food and water security, biodiversity, and climate change.

The Department is actively engaged in several initiatives, tied to our Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan, that will further the objectives elucidated in goal four and looks forward to working collaboratively with other State offices toward these ends and other objectives delineated in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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in consideration of
SB 2661, SD 2, HD 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2661, SD 2, HD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2661, SD 2, HD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify all of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world by 2030. These 17 Sustainable Development Goals align with the Hawaii State Planning Act, HRS Chapter 226.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of the following global goals to:

1. End poverty.
2. End hunger.
3. Ensure good health and well-being.
4. Ensure a quality education.
5. Achieve gender equality.
6. Ensure clean water and sanitation.
7. Ensure affordable and clean energy
8. Promote sustained decent work and economic growth.
9. Build a resilient industry, innovation, and infrastructure.
10. Reduce inequality.
11. Make cities and communities more sustainable.
12. Ensure responsible consumption and production.
13. Take urgent climate action.
14. Conserve, sustainably use, and protect the life below water.
15. Protect, restore, and sustainably use the life on land.
16. Promote peace, justice, and strong institutions.
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and develop partnerships for the sustainable development goals.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made to codify this proposal in HRS Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles, and the various goals, objectives and policies set forth in Part I of HRS Chapter 226.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Date: 03/12/2018
Time: 02:05 PM
Location: 309
Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2665, SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Purpose of Bill: Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal four, quality education. (SD1)

Department's Position:

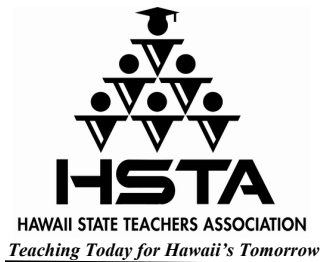
The Department of Education (Department) appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2665, SD1 which codifies goal four, quality education, of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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RE: SB 2661, SD 2, HD 1 - RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 2661, SD2, HD 1**, relating to sustainable development goals.

Education is a human right. Other rights—including access to employment opportunities, quality health care, and a clean environment—can only be achieved and protected by an informed citizenry. More than 100 million children are out of school worldwide. Discrimination of marginalized groups, long distances to school, and the absence of inclusive education, per Human Rights Watch, are among the main causes for a lack of learning.

In Hawai'i, 55 percent of public school graduates enrolled in postsecondary institutions for the fall following graduation, according to the Hawai'i State Department of Education's 2016-2017 STRIVE HI report. Yet, only 14 percent of Native Hawaiian students complete college or other postsecondary training, according to Kamehameha Schools. Only 30 percent of high needs students are meeting proficiency in math, with only 36 percent meeting proficiency in language arts. For English language learners, a mere 38 percent are on track to obtain English language proficiency. Even in the islands, then, we must work to ensure that our most vulnerable children have the opportunity to realize their right to a bright future.

To give every child a chance to reach for their dreams, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii
Supporting SB 2661 SD1 HD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 10:30AM, Room 308

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawaii. We manage 43,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawaii's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators into State law.

The Nature Conservancy's local, national and global conservation goals and strategies for protecting lands and waters, water quality, sustainable fisheries, and climate change mitigation and adaptation directly reflect the established, credible commitments from the U.N. SDGs. The SDG commitments empower our collective government and private conservation work in Hawaii and beyond to contribute to global efforts that improve the health and function of nature and human well-being.

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Hawai'i Green Growth is a statewide public-private partnership that catalyzes action across government, private sector and civil society to achieve Hawai'i's sustainability and climate goals, and serve as a model for integrated green growth

Hawai'i Green Growth Testimony in Support
SB2661 SD2 HD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Finance
4 April 2018, 1:30pm, Room 308

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2661 SD2 HD1 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. As a statewide partnership, we recognize the critical importance of all 17 SDGs to holistically address 21st century challenges that cut across environmental, social, and economic priorities. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD2 HD1**, and acknowledge discussion on the appropriate placement in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

We appreciate the Senate's leadership on the 2018 Majority Program on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the support for Hawai'i sustainability initiatives over the past several decades. Our partnership believes that the SDGs can help advance local efforts to address key challenges in Hawai'i across housing, climate change, energy, environmental protection, health, education and economic development by acknowledging that none of these can be addressed without consideration for the others. We cannot meet our climate goals without achieving sustainable development outcomes and vice versa. Senator Kenneth Brown's 1973 Mālama Hawai'i speech proposed that every action – economic, social and political - be guided by *mālama*. The 17 SDGs embody Hawai'i's *mālama* 'āina approach to resource management, and counsels the necessity of maintaining a balance between all aspects of our environment, society, and economy. In many ways Senator Brown foretold the eventual arrival of the SDG framework.

Hawai'i launched the *Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'ōia* one year prior to the formal adoption of the SDGs by over 190 countries. The *Aloha+ Challenge* is led by the State Legislature (Senate Concurrent Resolution 69), Governor, four County Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and private sector and civil society partners. Building on Hawai'i's history of systems thinking and many community initiatives, this commitment identifies statewide sustainability goals across energy, food, natural resources, waste, smart sustainable communities and climate, green education and workforce. Hawai'i's *Aloha+ Challenge* is recognized as a place-based model to support locally and culturally appropriate implementation of the SDGs. At the same time, the global SDG framework supports the implementation of local models like the *Aloha+ Challenge*, Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts, and can help attract new resources to drive implementation. It also builds on Hawai'i's recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and the inspiring Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Enacting SDGs into state law is significant for Hawai'i locally, nationally and internationally.

Above all, the partnership recognizes that Hawai'i's long-term security in the face of climate change and other challenges is now linked to the success of this global agenda. Because of the scale of the threat, this is no longer something Hawai'i can do alone. Indeed, for many in the international community, Hawai'i holds the answer to finding the balance based on the wisdom of our host culture and fundamental island values, as embodied in Senator Kenneth Brown's speech delivered 45 years ago. It is our kuleana, both a responsibility and privilege, to partner with communities across the globe to build a more sustainable future for Hawai'i and island earth.

Thank you for your visionary leadership and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

SB-2661-HD-1

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| Laurie Field | Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-2661-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2018 1:30:00 PM

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| Melodie Aduja | the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i | Support | No |

Comments:

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good afternoon. 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 **SB2661 SD2 HD1** relating to Sustainable Development Goals.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2661 SD2 HD1** and strongly supports its passage as it codifies the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to (1) End poverty; (2) End hunger; (3) Ensure good health and well-being; (4) Ensure a quality education; (5) Achieve gender equality; (6) Ensure clean water and sanitation; (7) Ensure affordable and clean energy;(8) Promote sustained decent work and economic growth; (9) Build a resilient industry, innovation, and infrastructure; (10) Reduce inequality; (11) Make cities and communities more sustainable; (12) Ensure responsible consumption and production; (13) Take urgent climate action; (14) Conserve, sustainably use, and protect the life below water; (15) Protect, restore, and sustainably use the life on land; (16) Promote peace, justice, and strong institutions; and (17). Strengthen the means of implementation and develop partnerships for the sustainable development goals, all which delineates the essence of the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH").

SB2661 SD2 HD1 is in accord with the Democratic Platform as it codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators.

The DPH Platform states that "[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated

approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling, and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation, and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our freshwater resources. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our freshwater resources.

We support the democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in the management of coastal resources.

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions.(Platform of the DPH, P.8, Lines 407-433 (2016)).

Given that **SB2661 SD2 HD1** codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to strongly support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

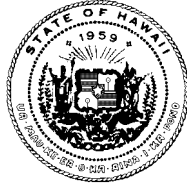
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SB2661 SD2 HD1

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TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2661 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill as it aligns with the department's administration proposal (SB 2793 SD2/HB 2366) that remains as HB 1926 HD1 and requires DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to deliver human services to reduce the incidences of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators.

DHS has a large stake in encouraging the self-sufficiency and supporting the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals, and provides medical insurance coverage for over forty percent of Hawaii's children. DHS has the largest operating budget of any state department, approximately \$3.3 billion, to provide benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, health care, child care, food security, protective, and vocational rehabilitation services.

DHS is part of the national movement to improve the delivery of human services lead by the National Governors' Association, the American Public Human Services

Association, Ascend of the Aspen Institute, and others. DHS is adopting a service integration and multigenerational approach, called 'Ohana Nui, and is redesigning its business processes and continues to improve its technology systems.

In 2016, DHS initiated its 'Ohana Nui framework by adopting a multigenerational approach to transform the way services are provided to individuals and families to improve outcomes and well-being. By providing programs and services that maintain a high level of service integration, quality, and intensity across multiple generations, DHS intends to reduce intergenerational poverty in the State, and the human and financial costs associated with poverty.

The 'Ohana Nui framework is based on support for families in five social determinants of health and well-being: housing; food and nutrition; health and wellness; education and economic well-being; and social capital. DHS supports the enactment of the UN sustainable development goals relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure; sustainable cities and communities; peace, justice, strong institutions, and poverty as these policies will result in a more sustainable Hawaii.

DHS is also engaged in its first departmental strategic plan to improve overall program outcomes and establish outcome measures of services for children, parents, and families geared to reduce adverse risks and increase protective factors that promote educational attainment and wage progression that lead to economic self-sufficiency. Through service integration and addressing the needs of multiple generations in a family concurrently, efforts and resources will be better targeted to support the well-being of individuals and families.

Ultimately, the goals of transformation are to improve well-being of individuals, families, and the community, reduce intergenerational poverty, reduce dependence on public benefits, and reduce the human and fiscal costs of poverty. The department's proposed administration bills, SB 2793 SD2/HB 2366 (now HB 1926 HD1), will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multigenerational model.

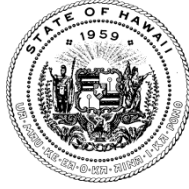
Additionally, DHS is a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council), which is the body responsible for coordinating State

agency TOD planning and facilitating collaboration between the State and the counties on smart growth and TOD initiatives. As a member of the TOD Council, DHS advocates for equitable development, and was a key player in the development and inclusion of equitable development principles in the 2017 State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD. Equitable development promotes and supports community well-being. It refers to a range of approaches for creating healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities where residents of all incomes, races, and ethnicities have access to the opportunities, employment, housing, and services they need to thrive.

The proposed SB 2661 SD2 HD1 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential, reducing incidences of intergenerational poverty, and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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S.B. 2661, S.D. 2, H.D. 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the aspirations of S.B. 2661. S.D. 1.

More specifically we support halving the number of state deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents; and to enhance statewide cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology; and expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all.

Safety and sustainable transportation are DOT priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Hawaii State House
Hawaii State Capitol

April 4, 2018, 1:30 P.M., Room 308

Re: S.B. 2661 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Luke and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Peter Fithian and I am the Legislative Chair for the Airports Concessionaires Committee whose membership consists of the major concession operators at Hawaii's public airports. Airport concessions presently have historically contributed more than half of the operating revenues for Hawaii's airport system which as you know is special funded.

Our Committee supports this bill.

On behalf of our employees and families and friends, we commend you for your leadership in setting "sustainable development" goals for our State.

While the problems of today are certainly compelling, you recognize the importance of not only the present but planning now for the future well-being of all of us who live in Hawaii by your actions in supporting this legislation.

We must plan now and start to take steps to preserve our future of our family, friends and our Hawaii that is so special to all of us and to so many around the world .

Mahalo for your vision and leadership.



POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY

April 3, 2018

House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

CC: Speaker Saiki

LATE

Re: Letter of Support for SB2661 - UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Global Framework for Action to *Mālama Honua* and *Mālama Hawai'i*

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Let me start by thanking each and every one of you for your tireless service and leadership in your home communities and across our islands. The work to help create a better future and make change now rests squarely on the shoulders of people like you, who strive every day to navigate us towards a brighter tomorrow.

I would like to take a moment to recognize your efforts to help create a more sustainable Hawai'i. I have been inspired in learning that the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are serving as a framework for legislation, including SB2661, during the 2018 session. The 17 UN SDGs are a sail plan for a better future for island earth, and therefore our, keiki. This framework is aligned with Hawai'i's cultural values of *aloha*, *'ohana* and *mālama* – values which are universal and therefore, can be shared with the world as a starlight to inspire hope.

When I was at the United Nations last month, it became clear to me how important these 17 goals are; that 193 members of the United Nations have adopted the SDGs and are working at the local, community and national level to implement these goals. In September 2014, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban-Ki Moon, boarded *Hōkūle'a* in Apia, Sāmoa. He promised that as we continued on our voyage to *mālama honua*, he would rally world leaders to our common cause of a more sustainable future and dignity for all. The Secretary General delivered on his promise when the United Nations adopted the SDGs that address poverty, promote environmental stewardship and drive economic prosperity, to be achieved by 2030.

Hawai'i's efforts on the SDGs through the *Aloha+ Challenge* has already attracted national and international attention, and partners are reaching out who can support our success. This presents an opportunity to bring further partnerships and financing to support our work here in Hawai'i, and leverage limited public resources to address the many complex challenges we face,

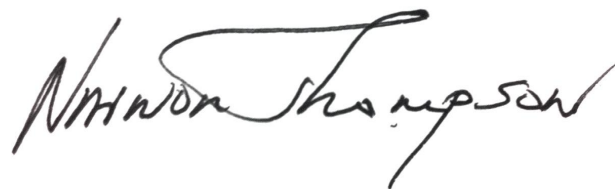
from affordable housing and quality of life for our communities, education and health, dependence on fossil fuels, protection of our natural and cultural resources, and threats from climate change. Adopting the SDGs will highlight Hawai'i's leadership and that of other islands economies united in strong partnerships in mobilizing action toward SDGs: the sail plan for the planet.

This builds on the recent adoption of the Paris Climate Agreement and the Worldwide Voyage. Hōkūle'a and the Mālama Honua voyage symbolically wove a lei around the world and our island home, inspiring action and creating pathways for a new generation of leaders to navigate toward a better future for Hawai'i and Island Earth. Concurrent efforts such as the *Promise to Pae 'Aina* which united diverse groups in stewarding Hawai'i through tangible, place-based initiatives during the span of the Worldwide Voyage continues today to advance us toward a sustainable future; similarly the statewide commitment made through the *Aloha+ Challenge* serves as a shining example of a local framework or sail plan for Hawai'i to achieve transformational goals like the SDGs.

In closing, I would like to encourage each of you to read a speech that was given in 1973 on the floor of the State Legislature by the late Kenneth F. Brown. This transformational speech can be found in a small yellow booklet printed by *Malama Hawai'i* and, I'm told, was recently circulated to the Legislature. In this speech, Kenneth Brown describes a world in which the goals we seek to accomplish are ones focused on the values and commitments which are essentially described again in the recently articulated SDGs. Kenny had a comprehensive grasp of the challenges and opportunities that were facing Hawai'i at that time and was advocating a holistic, systems-thinking approach to sound planning and formulating solutions for the greater good of our people, our natural environment and the quality of life throughout our island communities - 45 years prior to the adoption of the SDGs. I believe that Kenny's message and wisdom can be utilized today as a philosophical foundation and framework for creating new and progressive public policy in Hawai'i.

Wishing you all the best in this legislative session, and mahalo nui loa for your effort and leadership.

Aloha pau'ole,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nainoa Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nainoa" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Thompson".

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April 4, 2018

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR,
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 2661, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.** Codifies sustainable development goals based on all seventeen of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators.

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 308

LATE

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members,

The GCA is an organization comprised of over approximately 500 general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

S.B. 2661, SD2, HD1 proposes to codify the State's commitment to practices that mirror the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indicators, most of which are already codified in Hawaii's laws affecting the environment. The GCA supports ensuring our natural environment is cared for in a way that ensures a balanced approach that will protect our most precious natural resources while also providing adequate living necessities to our citizens. S.B. 2661, SD2, HD1 recognizes the importance of balancing sustainable practices with the needs of our state's citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of S.B. 2661, SD2, HD1.