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**Time:** 10:10 AM

**Location:** 211

**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 2661, SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2661, S.D. 1, which codifies the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

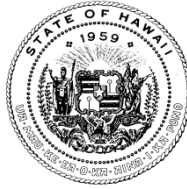
Hawaii has always been a leader in sustainability across the nation and the Department appreciates this measure, which clearly articulates a defined set of goals and objectives for the State to work together toward increased sustainability and an improvement in the quality of life for our state's residents. 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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

More specifically, we support the goals to “halve the number of state deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents”; “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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February 20, 2018

TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello  
Councilmember 

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2661 S.D. 1, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all, **requires all of us**, governments, private sector, civil society, you and me to do our part.
2. The Aloha + Challenge's 6 sustainability goals of clean energy, locally grown food, natural resource management, waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, green workforce, reinforces our state's commitment to sustainability and dovetails with the United Nation's goals.
3. Codifying the state's commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and working to implement them through the Aloha+ challenge works to improve the quality of life for future generations and yes, it is lofty, it is forward thinking, but most importantly it is attainable if we all do our share.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ISLAND OF OAHU

February 20, 2018

Dear Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2661 to adopt the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law and highlight Hawai'i's leadership on integrated sustainability. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs to provide a holistic framework that addresses cross-cutting environmental, social, and economic priorities, as reflected in the meta-version SB2661.

The 17 SDGs exemplify Hawai'i's mālama values and systems-based approach to resource management; this was eloquently outlined by Senator Kenny Brown in his 1973 speech to the State Legislature on the Mālama Ethic. The global framework can support locally and culturally appropriate implementation through the statewide Aloha+ Challenge (SCR69) and key initiatives such as the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative and City's 100 Resilient Cities partnership.

The Oahu Economic Development Board priorities are as follows: To retain existing businesses in Hawai'i and assist in their health and where possible expansion. To attract new high value businesses to Hawai'i, including the growth of knowledge based companies. To facilitate progress on such infrastructure and planning issues that involve land, water, and permitting in order to move the state towards energy independence and food independence. And to participate with other organizations in workforce development planning to ensure that Hawai'i residents have the skills necessary to compete in a global economy. These priorities align with the SDGs on Poverty (#1), Zero Hunger (#2), Good Health and Well-Being (#3), Quality Education (#4), Clean Water and Sanitation (#6), Affordable Clean Energy (#7), Decent Work and Economic Growth (#8), Industry Innovation and Infrastructure (#9), Sustainable Cities and Communities (#11), Responsible Consumption and Production (#12), Climate Action (#13), Life Below Water (#14), Life of Land (#15), and Strengthening Implementation (#17).

This presents an important opportunity to reinforce Hawai'i's as a global sustainability model through a mālama 'āina approach, building on the recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and inspiring Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Through this, we can attract new resources to support and finance local implementation, and partner with communities across the globe to build a more sustainable future for Hawai'i and island earth.

Sincerely,

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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*

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**Hawai'i Green Growth Testimony in Support**  
SB2661 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
21 February 2018, 10:10am, Room 211

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2661 SD1** 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 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges that cut across environmental, social, and economic priorities. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD1**, 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.