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TO: The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

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

Hearing: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill as it aligns with the department's administration proposals, SB 2793/HB 2366, which require 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 nearly one-half 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 Senate's move to enact 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/HB 2366, will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multigenerational model.

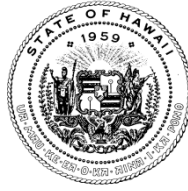
Additionally, DHS is a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council), which is the body responsible for coordinating State

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 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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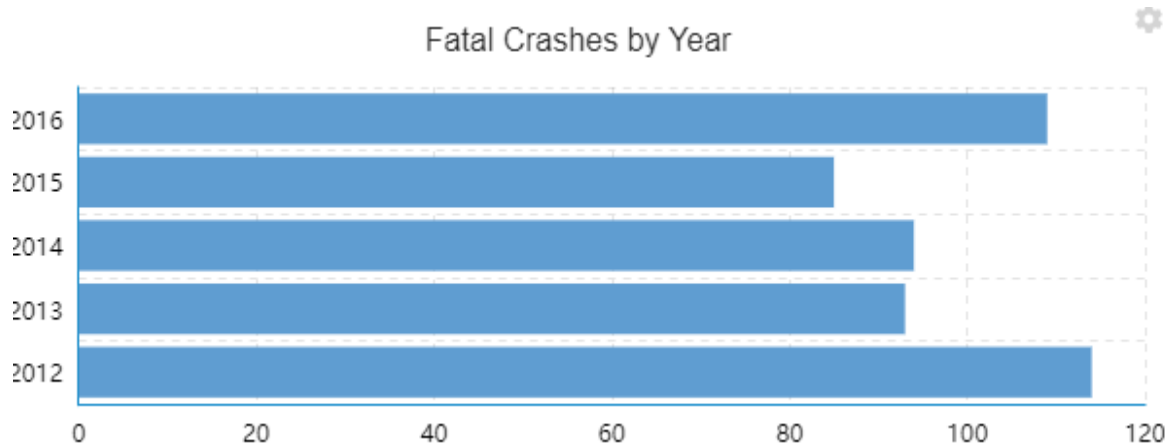
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the aspiration of (3)(F) halving the number of state deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents in this bill.

Safety is the DOT's #1 priority and we offer data on roadway fatalities at <http://www.hawaiihsps.com/>



One death is one too many and approximately two people are killed every week in a traffic crash in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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

Hawaii Green Growth Testimony in Support
SB2661 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Government Operations
8 February 2018, 3:15pm, Room 224

Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2661 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. As a statewide partnership, we recognize the critical importance of public-private partnerships and cross-sector collaboration in implementing sustainable development outcomes, as highlighted through SDG17. HGG acknowledges discussions underway to determine the appropriate placement in HRS, but supports the overarching vision to holistically address 21st century challenges that cut across environmental, social, and economic priorities.

We appreciate the Senate's leadership on the 2018 Majority Program on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the support for Hawaii's sustainability initiatives over the past several decades. Our partnership believes that the SDGs can help advance local efforts to address key challenges in Hawaii 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 Hawaii speech proposed that every action – economic, social and political - be guided by *mālama*. The 17 SDGs embody Hawaii'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.

Hawaii 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 Hawaii'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. Hawaii'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 Hawaii Initiative, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts, and can help attract new resources to drive implementation. It also builds on Hawaii'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 Hawaii locally, nationally and internationally.

Above all, the partnership recognizes that Hawaii'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 Hawaii can do alone. Indeed, for many in the international community, Hawaii 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 Hawaii and island earth.

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



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Title of Bill: SB 2661 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.
Purpose of Bill: Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators.

Department's Position:

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2661, 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 our state's residents.

In particular, goal four articulates a number actions toward ensuring inclusive and equitable education that align 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.