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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
10:10 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 221

**LATE**

in consideration of  
**SB 2663, SD 1**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.**

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

The Office of Planning supports SB 2663, SD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2663, SD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; SB 2663, SD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 2, zero hunger by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 2 of ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made in the Senate Draft 1 version of this bill, 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.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
10:10 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2663 SD1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

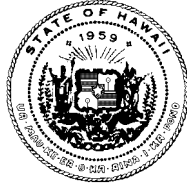
Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2663 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal two, zero hunger. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development through ensured access to safe and nutritious food, doubling local food production, and ensuring sustainable food production systems and implementing resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production. This bill also codifies maintaining genetic diversity of seeds cultivated plants, and farmed and domesticated animals, increasing investment in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development, and plant and livestock gene banks. The Department support these efforts which directly correlate with a sustainable future for Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





STATE OF HAWAII  
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February 18, 2018

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2663 SD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:10 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill, as it aligns with the department's transformation efforts and mission to encourage self-sufficiency and support the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal two, zero hunger.

DHS has a large stake in ending hunger and achieving food security and improved nutrition. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is a 100 percent federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition Service (FNS), provides crucial food and nutritional support to qualifying low-income and needy households. In state fiscal year 2017, DHS provided SNAP benefits to an average of 170,850 clients per month, totaling approximately \$483,064,100 in annual benefits. Research shows that every \$5 in new SNAP benefits generates as much as \$9 of economic activity to the local economy.

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.

One of the pillars of the 'Ohana Nui framework is food and nutrition. According to the American Public Human Services Association, an estimated 42.2 million Americans live in food-insecure households, of which 13 million are children. A growing body of research demonstrates the negative consequences of food insecurity for children's health and developmental outcomes, including cognitive development and school achievement, socio-emotional development, and overall health. Despite SNAP's positive impact, food insecurity remains a serious problem for millions of American households including those in Hawaii. As a State, there is likely more we can do to enhance our collective efforts to increase access to healthy food and improve the overall health and well-being of our communities.

As part of the DHS mission to transform the way we deliver benefits and services, and as part of the Governor's package, DHS proposed SB 2793/HB 2366 (now see House measure: HB1926 HD1) which requires DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to delivering human services to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

Additionally, DHS is 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. One of the key objectives of the strategic plan is to increase access to food.

The proposed SB 2663 SD 1 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential, ending hunger, reducing incidences of intergenerational poverty, and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

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

**SB-2663-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for 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 WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

10:10 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 2663 SD1 RELATING TO  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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 Senate Bill No. 2663 SD1 relating to Sustainable Development Goals.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill Nos. 2661 SD1 and 2663 SD1 and strongly supports their passage as they codify 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 of which delineates the essence of the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH").

Senate Bill No.2663 SD1 is in accord with the Democratic Platform as it codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal two, zero hunger.

The DPH Platform states that "[a]s an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety. (Platform of the DPH, P.2, Lines 97-99 (2016)).

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources in order to achieve sustainability of our marine resources and ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

This approach includes but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include the development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against 86 invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times.

We will promote the ethical and safe production of livestock, dairy products, poultry, and eggs.

Recognizing the importance of the ocean as a life-sustaining resource, we must protect its ecological balance while promoting the cultivation of ocean resources as a step toward greater self-sufficiency. (Platform of the DPH, P.2, Lines 76-91 (2016)).

We support land use planning and infrastructure development to support sustainable diversified agriculture, including low-cost inter-island transportation of agricultural products. We likewise support publicly funded research and development for agricultural diversification and value-added products.

We support the designation of Important Agricultural Lands as the step towards preserving high-grade productive lands for current and future needs. (Platform of the DPH, P.2, Lines 101-107 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2663 SD1 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal two, zero hunger, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to strongly support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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