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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2664 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:30 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 three, good health and well-being.

DHS has a large stake in ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals. The state's Medicaid program, QUEST Integration, provides medical insurance coverage for nearly one-half of Hawaii's children. We manage an annual budget of nearly \$3.5 billion to provide benefits and services relating to housing, education, employment, health care, safety, child care, and food security.

In 2016, DHS initiated its 'Ohana Nui effort 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 requires that we meet the needs of the whole family (multiple generations) early and concurrently. If there are children under the age of five in a family, then priority is given to addressing their needs. The intention is to mitigate the negative, lasting impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to the child, and the associated costs of the programs and services that are necessary to address those negative impacts later in the child's life. Research shows that as the number of ACEs increases so does the risk for asthma, mental distress, depression, smoking, disability, unemployment, lowered educational attainment, coronary heart disease, stroke, and diabetes, among others.

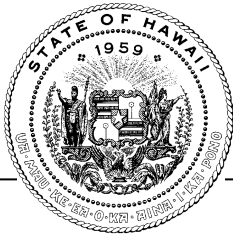
As part of the DHS mission to transform the way we deliver benefits and services, and as part of the Governor's package, DHS proposed HB2366/SB2793 which requires DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to delivering human services to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

Additionally, DHS is 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 the equitable development principle in the 2017 State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD.

Equitable development promotes and supports community well-being and active and healthy lifestyles. 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, services, and amenities they need to thrive.

The proposed SB 2664 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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in consideration of  
**SB 2664**  
**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 (OP) supports SB 2664 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2664 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes 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; SB 2664 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 3, to promote good health and well-being by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 3 to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages 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 §226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles. The Office of Planning also recommends adding the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2664.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: