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Committee: House Judiciary

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2666, SD2 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Purpose of Bill: Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal five, gender equality. (SD2)

Department's Position:

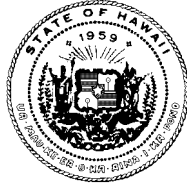
The Department of Education (Department) supports the Legislature's interest in codifying Hawaii's commitment to Sustainability, including the achievement of gender equity, the empowerment of women and girls by 2030, or Goal 5 of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

In Hawaii, where the great Congresswoman Patsy Mink's forward-thinking led the nation towards impacting equality, by paving paths for greater college access and enrollment for women through Title IX, the Department re-affirms its commitment towards inspiring and supporting Hawaii's women and girls.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony o 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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March 20, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2666 SD2 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 2:15 p.m.
Conference Room 325, 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 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 five, relating to gender equality.

DHS has a large stake in promoting gender equality in Hawaii. For 50 years, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), an attached commission of DHS, has worked toward equality for Hawaii's women and girls. HSCSW strives to advance the status of women and girls in all areas of life through positive and progressive social change by means of educational efforts, legislative policy, or dissemination of important information for our community.

HSCSW has successfully encouraged more citizens to register to vote, educated the public about Title IX-The Patsy T. Mink Educational Opportunity Act, and tracked several hundred pieces of legislation that would affect the lives of women and girls in Hawaii.

We know statistically and anecdotally that women remain underrepresented in politics, in STEM fields, in the boardroom and in corporate positions of power. In Hawaii, 47 percent of full-time, minimum wage workers are women, many of whom are single heads of households. Moreover, women in Hawaii make 83.3 cents for every dollar a man makes. In reality, this means that in order for a single mother to approach the self-sufficiency standard, she would have to work three full-time, minimum wage jobs.

Additionally, one in four women experience interpersonal violence. All too often, we know friends, sisters, cousins, and colleagues who are victims of gender based violence. To this end, DHS administers contracts for civil legal services to support the safety and well-being of Hawaii's residents. In state fiscal year 2016, with a mixture of federal and state funds, DHS administered nearly \$14 million in to provide a spectrum of services related to domestic violence (DV), including civil legal services, DV shelters, DV support services, rental assistance, and homeless services. The population served includes families with dependent children that are experiencing legal barriers as a result of DV, families in DV shelters, and immigrants experiencing DV.

Further, as part of the continuing effort to reform the juvenile justice system, as part of the Governor's package, the Office of Youth Services, another attached agency of DHS, proposed SB 2791/HB 2364 which establishes the Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility of the OYS to incorporate a more therapeutic and rehabilitative focus. The proposed Wellness Center will provide a crisis shelter for commercially sexually trafficked youth, mental health treatment services, vocational training, and other services as may be required to meet the needs of the youth at risk and young adults at risk. The Wellness Center will improve and enhance Hawaii's juvenile justice system by preventing juvenile delinquency and lowering recidivism with support services for at risk youth, including homeless youth, sex trafficked youth.

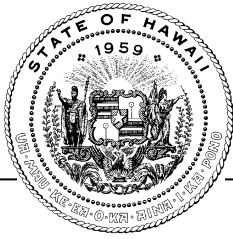
Finally, DHS is part of the national movement to improve the delivery of human services lead by the National Governors' Association, the American Public Human Services Association, Ascend of the Aspen Institute, and others. DHS is adopting a service integration and multigenerational approach, is redesigning its business processes, and continues to improve its technology systems. 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 bill, SB 2793/HB 2366 (now HB1926 HD1), will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multi-generational model.

The proposed SB 2666 SD2 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential; promoting gender equality, 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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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
2:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB 2666, SD2
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2666, SD 2 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2666, SD 2 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 2666, SD 2 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 5, to ensure gender equality by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 5 to achieve gender equality and empowering all women and girls throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made in the Senate Draft 2 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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan J. Wurtzburg	American Association of University Women, Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

AAUW-Hawaii supports.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.

Policy Chair



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

Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth
In Support of SB2666 SD2 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Judiciary
21 March 2018, 2:15pm, Room 325

Honorable Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

As a statewide partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **strongly supports SB2666 SD2** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize gender equality is a fundamental human right and a necessary foundation for a sustainable future, as highlighted through SDG5. Even further, HGG recommends adopting the entire global framework with all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD2**. 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 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.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State House
Hawaii State Capitol

March 21, 2018, 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Re: S.B. 2666, SD2 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Nishimoto 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 "gender equality" 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



March 20, 2018

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2666 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #5, into state law. This is a significant opportunity to highlight Hawai'i's sustainability leadership, and catalyze new partnerships and resources to support local action. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs, as reflected in SB2661, and acknowledge discussion on the appropriate placement in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

The SDGs provide a global blueprint to balance environmental, social, and economic priorities, which embodies Hawai'i's mālama ethic and systems-based approach to resource management. Senator Kenneth Brown's 1973 speech eloquently conveys a guiding framework to Mālama Hawai'i, calling forth the vision of SDGs. Through SDGs, Hawai'i can partner with other local communities around the world to support place-based action that drives global sustainability outcomes.

The SDGs can support locally and culturally appropriate implementation of sustainability goals through the *Aloha+ Challenge* (SCR 69), Sustainable Hawai'i, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts. This builds on the recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and the inspiring Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Progress on Hawai'i's statewide sustainability commitment is being tracked through the online *Aloha+ Challenge* Dashboard, highlighting collaboration and action towards the global agenda.

The Oahu Economic Development strives to create improved quality of life and standard of living for Hawaii's people. Our grounding values are Aloha and Pono and we believe that with these values we are able to connect all sectors of Hawaii's residents and visitors to a full and healthy future. These organizational values align with the SDG #5, Gender Equality. The SDGs intersect with key cross-cutting issues in Hawai'i, and acknowledge that none of these can be achieved without consideration for the others.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pono Shim
President and CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board



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SB-2666-SD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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March 21, 2018

To: Rep. Nishimoto, Chair
Rep. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the H. Committee on Judiciary

From: Khara Jabola-Carolus
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Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, SB2666, SD 2

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in support of SB2666, SD2, which codifies into state law the United Nations' Global Goal 5: gender equality. Gender equality is necessary to achieve the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals because a world with widespread gender inequality will be prone to catastrophes.

The United States has a lower domestic standard for women's rights than the international community and has rejected international standards, most infamously by failing to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). In response, states and cities around the nation have acted to establish principles of gender equality at the local level. This month, Maui became the last county in Hawai'i to pass CEDAW legislation.

While we have made some strides in preventing violence against women, women and girls in Hawai'i are still at high risk of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Anecdotally and statistically, it is clear that we can and should be doing more to ensure the safety, economic self sufficiency, and equitable treatment of women and girls in Hawai'i. This measure would serve as an important step toward the implementation of the principles underlying the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals into our local policies and institutions. The Commission strongly supports SB 2666, SD2 and respectfully requests that the Committees pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Khara Jabola-Carolus