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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 02/06/2018
Time: 09:30 AM
Location: 016
Committee: Senate Judiciary

Department: Education

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

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

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

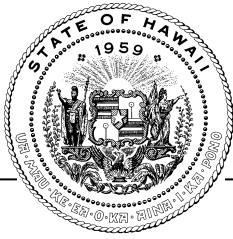
Department's Position:

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 on 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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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
SB 2666
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2666 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2666 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 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 2666 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 5, to ensure gender equality by 2030.

The OP 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 OP recommends 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. The OP also recommends adding the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2671.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

February 6, 2018, 9:30 am, Room 016

Re: S.B. 2666 – Relating to Gender Equality

Dear Chair Taniguchi 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.

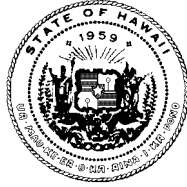
Our Committee supports this bill.

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.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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February 5, 2018

TO: The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

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

Hearing: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 16, 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 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, safety, health care, child care, food security, protective services, and vocational rehabilitation services.

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, for example, 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 domestic violence, families in domestic violence shelters, and immigrants experiencing domestic violence.

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 proposed SB 2791/HB 2364 which establishes the Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility of the Office of Youth Services 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, will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multi-generational model.

The proposed SB 2666 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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Submitted on: 2/3/2018 11:11:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Bickel		Support	No

Comments:

As an advisor for a Model United Nations high school club, I have gained an appreciation for the SDGs. I am especially impressed at how motivated my students are to support this SDG on gender equality. So I support this bill and actually support all the other bills to provide state support for SDGs.

SB-2666

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 9:24:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

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February 5, 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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