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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AND WATER & LAND**

**MARCH 16, 2018  
11:01 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2667 SD1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

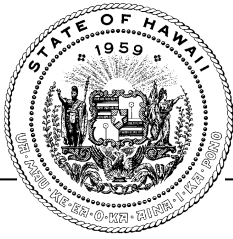
Chairperson Lee, Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2667 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal six, clean water and sanitation. The Department supports this bill.

The Department supports sustainable efforts in providing safe, clean, and affordable water to agriculturalists throughout the State. Water is the lifeblood of agriculture and maintaining a safe, efficient water source for Hawaii is critical in moving the State forward with sustainable development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Statement of  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND  
WATER AND LAND**

Friday, March 16, 2018  
11:01 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**SB 2667, SD 1**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.**

Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Todd, and Members of the House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection, and Water and Land.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2667, SD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2667, SD 1 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 2667 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 6, to ensure access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 6 to ensure improving water quality, clean water access, substantially increasing water-use efficiency, implementing integrated water management, and increasing water reuse, conservation, and recharge opportunities throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning recommends an amendment to codify this proposal in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with §226-108, the sustainability priority guidelines and principles of the Hawaii State Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Testimony of  
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**Before the House Committees on  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
and  
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**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2667, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2667, Senate Draft 1 proposes to build on the statewide actions of the Aloha+ Challenge, the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, and other initiatives inspired by the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage and Malama Hawai'i and codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal six, clean water and sanitation. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and its intentions as it relates to forest and natural resource management.**

The Department notes that its public Forest Reserve System, established to protect water resource areas, and supported programs of the Watershed Partnerships and Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry play a significant role in ensuring clean and abundant water for the people of Hawai'i.

The Department supports placing the Sustainable Development Goals into Chapter 226, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as recommended by the State Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



**SB2667 SD1**  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.  
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
House Committee on Agriculture

March 16, 2018

11:01 a.m.

Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB2667 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal six, clean water and sanitation.

OHA has long sought to ensure the proper administration and stewardship of our public trust water resources, which have been considered to be of utmost and fundamental importance in our islands since time immemorial. This has included advocacy, proactive planning, research, partnerships, and other activities involving the protection of public trust purposes and reasonable beneficial uses of water, the proper allocation of and reasonable access to water, and the maintenance of water quality. In line with our advocacy and planning, on October 13, 2015, the Board of Trustees ("BOT") also adopted a new policy to be included in the OHA BOT Executive Policy Manual, entitled "Wai," which encapsulates OHA's vision for Hawai'i to be a 21st-century model for the protection and stewardship of wai, based on Native Hawaiian culture, best practices, and the public trust. OHA will continue to maintain and improve upon its kuleana as a leader in protecting Hawai'i's wai resources, redressing ongoing injustices, promoting a living and thriving Native Hawaiian culture and nation, and setting an example in pono management practices.

OHA accordingly appreciates and supports the intent of this measure, which seeks to recognize the fundamental importance of appropriate water use, management, and protection to our islands and residents. To better reflect the unique understanding and value of wai in Hawai'i and in Native Hawaiian culture, OHA respectfully recommends the inclusion of the following four additional goals, to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"Upholding Hawai'i's constitution, Water Code, and public trust doctrine, including with regard to protections for water resources and Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and rights."

"Investing in and supporting community efforts to protect and restore water resources, including engagement with the

State Commission on Water Resource Management and other agencies.”

“Advancing Native Hawaiians' fundamental needs and rights to water for all lands (including but not limited to homesteads, kuleana, and a land base for a future self-governing entity) as well as for the restoration and perpetuation of traditional and customary practices throughout Ka Pae `Āina o Hawai`i.”

“Promoting “ahupua`a” principles of place-based stewardship, sustainability, and self-sufficiency.”

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committees to **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB2667 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shawn Uehira	Oahu Economic Development Board	Support	No

Comments:



## *AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE*

Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
Hawaii State House  
Hawaii State Capitol

March 16, 2018, 11:01 a.m., Room 325

Re: S.B. 2667 SD1 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Lee 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 "clean water and sanitation" 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.



*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*

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## **Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth**

In Support of SB2667 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals  
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land  
16 March 2018, 11:01am, Room 325

Honorable Chair Lee, Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of both Committees:

As a statewide partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **strongly supports SB2667 SD1** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize the critical importance of freshwater security and quality in all aspects of life, as highlighted through SDG6. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAII  
MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

Friday, March 16, 2018 11:01AM Conference Room 325

**In SUPPORT of SB 2667 SD1** Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

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Aloha Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Todd, and members of the Committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **supports SB 2667 SD1**, which seeks to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal #6: clean water and sanitation.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup> are a set of 17 guidelines that “Governments, businesses and civil society together with the United Nations are mobilizing efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030. Universal, inclusive and indivisible, the Agenda calls for action by all countries to improve the lives of people everywhere.”

SDG #6 calls for access to clean water and sanitation for all<sup>2</sup>, a goal that aligns well with the Sierra Club of Hawai'i's own dedication to protect our freshwater resources throughout the islands. We support this measure, and the notion of aligning with the global community in efforts improve the lives of people and spread the message of mālama honua that the Hōkūle'a carried across the world. We support the intent to provide baseline goals and benchmarks, defined by the SDGs, while recognizing the necessity to adapt the SDGs to fit the context of local, place-based issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2667 SD1.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/#>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation/>



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March 16, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2667, SD 1**  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 325  
11:01 AM

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB agrees with the intent of SB 2667, SD 1, which establishes sustainable development goals relating to clean water and sanitation.

The implementation steps are specified, however, as with many difficult tasks, the details which make it happen are not defined. Metrics to define how these projects will be funded will be critical to realize the goals.

HFB agrees that these are worthwhile goals. However, HFB is concerned about how they will be funded and how priorities will be set so measures that will make the most difference for Hawaii's people and environment are provided the highest urgency for accomplishment.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.



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March 15, 2018

Re: Support for SB 2667 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Senators,

The Outdoor Circle would like to testify in Support of Senate Bill 2667.

We recognize the need for implementing changes to the existing status quo to meet sustainability in clean energy, local food production, natural resource management enhancement, watershed improvement, reducing waste of all kinds,, greening our workforce, educational awareness which will result in more livable and resilient communities rooted in these better practices.

We applaud those who are advancing this agenda for our state and look forward to working together to implement specifics which come from this legislation.

Thank you for hearing our testimony in Support of this bill.

Winston Welch  
Executive Director

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Yamane and Todd and members of the committee,

I strongly support SB2667 SD1. The need to re-organize society is obvious. A great place to begin is with water. The UN Sustainable Development Goal #6 (re: water) make sense for Hawaii.

This goal is also in line with the findings of the World Conservation Conference.

Please pass SB2667 SD1. Mahalo for your consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching / Honolulu

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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Testimony for EEP on 3/16/2018 11:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Excellent bill and a no brainer - especially for an island state that happens to have the highest number of threatened and endangered native species than another other state in the country.

Thank you for your kind consideration to pass this bill.



**SB-2667-SD-1**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill; it is not too late to do the right thing for the environment, native species, and all the humans who depend on fresh, clean, unpolluted water.

Sincerely,

Kim Jorgensen

Waikiki

**LATE**

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Marten	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-2667-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Walter Ritte and I am in Strong support of SB2667 SD1...it is a matter of "survival".