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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
SB 2667
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2667 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2667 amends 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 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 codifying this proposal in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Plan, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the sustainability priority guidelines and principles of the Hawaii State Plan. The Office of Planning also recommends adding the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan into SB 2667.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2667
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2667 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 plays a significant role in ensuring clean and abundant water for the people of Hawaii.

The Department defers to the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Environmental Council regarding the suitability of Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as the implementing statute for these Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 31, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

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

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2667. 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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in consideration of
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RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS § 343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS § 341-3.

Senate Bill 2667 proposes to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal six, clean water and sanitation, into HRS Chapter 344, State Environmental Policy.

Chapter 344, HRS, is an integral statute to the environmental review process. Adding the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) may have unintended effects on the EIS process.

Because the SDGs encompass more than environmental policy and are intended to affect policymaking and planning, perhaps HRS Chapter 226, the Hawai'i State Planning Act, could be a potential statute for housing the SDGs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

January 31, 2018

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Room 224

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** SB2667, 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 Committee to **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB2667. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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January 31, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2667
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 224
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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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, 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.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

January 31, 2018, 1:15pm, Room 224

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

Dear Chair Gabbard 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.



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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:15PM Conference Room 224

In SUPPORT of SB 2667 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Committee,

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

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)¹ 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 all², 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 the intent of 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.

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

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

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 10:56:50 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2018 12:29:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:05:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

While I **support in concept** the intent of this bill, I would encourage closer attention to that section of whether or not by 2030, we can achieve the goal of "achieving access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all", without taxing our citizens out of Hawai'i. An example of this is the island of O`ahu where it is already a significant burden on many families to continue paying the increases required in sanitation fees based on the required improvements needed to our system based on an EPA settlement. In addition, we need to come up with creative ideas to help get people to stop using cesspools and convert to either septic systems or individual wastewater systems, either of which could be extremely costly for the middle class or lower family.

I would encouraged that the Senate of this Legislature is willing to support protecting thirty per cent of priority watersheds and look forward to the monetary support required by DLNR to meet this goal.

I look forward to the Legislature supporting this bill and its intents not only by passing this language but also supporting the efforts required by allocating funding to support the intents listed.

Mahalo,

Cynthia K.L. Rezendes

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:37:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Fox	The Nature Conservancy	Support	Yes

Comments:

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indicators into State law. We understand that there may be some questions related to the most effective placement of the SDGs within chapters of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. We defer to consultation between the Legislature and the Executive Administration as to placement in the HRS.

The Nature Conservancy's local, national and global conservation goals and strategies for protecting lands and waters, water quality, sustainable fisheries, and climate change mitigation and adaptation directly reflect established, credible commitments from major international agreements, particularly the U.N. SDGs. The SDG commitments empower our conservation work in Hawai'i and beyond to contribute to global efforts that improve the health and function of nature and human well-being.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 2:44:14 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	Yes

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

1:15 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2667, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Good afternoon, 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. 2667, relating to sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Six pertaining to clean water and sanitation. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2667 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2667, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Six on clean water and sanitation. Specifically, the DPH

Platform states that “[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai’i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai’i.

We support the protection of our ‘aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our freshwater resources.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) because for public use and recreation. The Hawai’i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of coastal resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaption measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 406-411, 422-430, 435-439 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2667 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Six pertaining to clean water and sanitation, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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