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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**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 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.

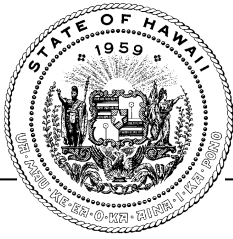
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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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 2667 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2667 amends 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 codifying 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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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS 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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TESTIMONY ON SB 2667
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, 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.



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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In SUPPORT of SB 2667 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Marten		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I applaud the intent of this Bill. Our precious water has always been in need of careful stewardship and protection. With expected changes in rainfall patterns expected with climate change, this is more urgent than ever.

Mahalo, Lisa Marten

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please support clean water and sanitation to protect the environment for humans and other life.

A healthier environment means healthier people who contribute more to society.

mahalo,

Cory Harden, Hilo