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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY, AND LABOR**

Friday, February 2, 2018

1:20 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

SB 2669

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chairs Wakai and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and English, and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology and Labor:

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2669 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2669 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 2669 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 8, to promote decent work and economic growth by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 8 to promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth; full and productive employment; and work for all throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning recommends codifying this proposal in HRS Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles. The Office of Planning also recommends adding the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2669.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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SENATE BILL 2669
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2669 proposes to codify the State's commitment to conservation and sustainability by including goal eight, decent work and economic growth, of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indicators, with references to existing state sustainability programs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it complements a number of the Department's ongoing initiatives.**

The Department recognizes the State plays a large role in supporting job growth especially in the green jobs sector. As such the Department has partnered with organizations, such as Kupu who uses state funding to leverage AmeriCorps grant funds to provide service-learning programs in conservation, renewable energy, agriculture, and sustainability as a catalyst to restore communities and build a more sustainable future for Hawaii. Many Kupu interns have gone on to lead successful careers in the Department and elsewhere.

Natural resource related employment already accounts for a significant proportion of the State's green economy. The most recent statistical analysis of the green job market by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations estimates that there are over 11,000 green jobs making up 2.4 percent of total private employment in Hawaii's private sector alone. Additionally, green job vacancies account for 1.5 percent of Hawaii's total unemployment. The most recent data on employment in agriculture estimates a total of 6,900 jobs in agriculture in 2011. Hawaii's forest industry was estimated to account for a total of more than 900 fulltime jobs in areas, such as wood processing, woodworking, consultancy, manufacturing, nurseries, and retailers in 2001.

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Further, locally sourced and processed forest products, such as building materials, bioenergy, furniture, finishing products, arts and crafts contribute to Hawaii's sustainability by reducing the state's carbon footprint from imports and by generating crucial revenues for the management of Hawaii's native, commercial, and watershed forests.

The Department notes that part of devising and implementing policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products, and decoupling economic growth from environmental includes the preservation, maintenance, and expansion of our protected forests and reefs. Hawaii's culture, economy, and way of life is intimately tied to the marine environment. Hawaii's coral reefs provide cultural, economic, and recreational opportunities to our residents and more than eight million visitors annually. They are a driver of our local and tourist economy, generating more than \$360 million each year. The Hawaiian koa-ʻōhiʻa rainforests have profound cultural significance. The protection of these culturally important landscapes provides a source for locally produced forest products and a supports a healthy economy.

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 COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM,
AND TECHNOLOGY AND LABOR**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2018
1:20 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2669
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Chairperson Wakai, Chairperson Tokuda, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2669. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal eight, decent work and economic growth. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development through achieving higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading, and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labor-intensive sectors. The Department support these efforts as it relates to a sustainable future for Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Economic Development,
Tourism and Technology
& Committee on Labor

SB2669 - RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chairs Waikai and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and English and Members of the Committees,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260, AFL-CIO (IBEW1260), represents more than 3500 members, has advocated for all workers in the State of Hawaii for over seventy-five years, and respectfully offers the following testimony in **SUPPORT with amendments** of Senate Bill 2669 (SB2669).

While IBEW1260 commends the sponsors of SB2669 for acknowledging the importance of sustainable employment within the State, we respectfully request the following amendment:

Page 9, Line 13: (11) Ensuring all State initiatives, policies, legislation, and decisions consider and mitigate any negative impact to Hawaii's workers, ensuring continued, sustainable employment and dignity in the workplace.

Such an amendment would serve to not only create jobs, but improve current jobs, ultimately raising all workers to a better standard of living.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

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