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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
10:08 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 2670 SD1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

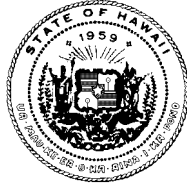
Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2670 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development through quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure to support economic development and human well-being. This bill also codifies upgrading and developing efficient infrastructure and enhancing scientific research and innovation. 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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February 18, 2018

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2670 SD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:08 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill, as it aligns with the department's significant investment in its IT infrastructure and our mission to encourage self-sufficiency and 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 nine, relating to industry, innovation, and infrastructure.

According to the United Nations, investment in infrastructure, and innovation are crucial drivers of economic growth and development, and DHS has a large stake in promoting economic growth for Hawaii's residents. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals. We manage an annual budget of nearly \$3.3 billion to provide benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, health care, child care, protective services, vocational rehabilitation services, and food security.

DHS provides employment supports such as cash assistance, child care subsidies, job training, wage subsidies, and transportation benefits from the Benefit, Employment, and

Support Services Division (BESSD); vocational rehabilitation services from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); and higher education and other supports for former foster youth from the Social Services Division (SSD).

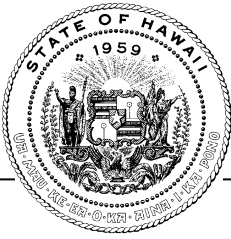
To provide these benefits and services to Hawaii's vulnerable residents, DHS processes vast amounts of information on a daily basis. Signed into law by President Barack Obama, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, initiated and provided the bulk of the financing that supported the upgrading of the 30-year-old DHS legacy systems to the DHS Integrated Enterprise System. The initial investment resulted in KOLEA, the eligibility determination system that processes on-line Medicaid applications in 24-48 hours.

DHS continues to invest in significant IT infrastructure improvements that will result in an integrated IT system to improve ease and access by individuals and staff and improve data analytics. It will also result in improved service delivery and individual and program outcomes.

With a focus on affordable and equitable access for all, the integrated eligibility system will enable Hawaii's individuals and families to apply for the benefits and services online, via a streamlined application process, eliminating the need for the applicant to submit multiple applications.

The Legislature's commitment to sustainable investment in industry, innovation, and infrastructure are consistent with the goals of DHS as we transform to support every recipient's human potential and end intergenerational poverty.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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in consideration of  
**SB 2670, SD 1**  
**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 supports SB 2670, SD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2670, SD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; SB 2670, SD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 9, relating to improving industry, innovation, and infrastructure by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 9 to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made in the Senate Draft 1 version of this bill, 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 Office of Planning also recommends deleting the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2670, SD 1 in section 2 of the bill and moving these goals into section 1 of the bill's preamble.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-2670-SD-1**

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Comments: