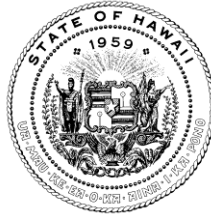


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2672, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2672, 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 eleven, sustainable cities and communities. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department notes that part of increasing livability and resilience in built environments, protecting Hawaii's cultural and natural heritage, and mitigating economic losses from disaster includes the preservation, maintenance, and expansion of green infrastructure, including our urban forests and trees. Urban forests can play a significant role in building healthier communities and people, cooling heat islands in cities, improving sales in business districts, and protecting communities from the impacts from storm events and natural disasters through storm-water mitigation and absorption.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

**MARCH 14, 2018
10:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2672 SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

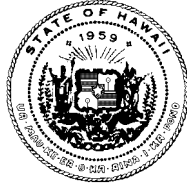
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2672 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal eleven, sustainable cities and communities. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for positive economic, social, and environmental links between urban and rural areas by strengthening development planning in line with the goals of the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative, Aloha+ Challenge, and the World Conservation Congress Hawaii Commitments of 2016. The bill also states to substantially increase the number of cities and towns adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans toward inclusion, resources efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and developing and implementing holistic disaster risk management at all levels. 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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March 12, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2672 SD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill, as it aligns with the department's transformation efforts and 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 eleven, sustainable cities and communities.

DHS has a large stake in promoting sustainable cities and communities. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals. The state's Medicaid program, QUEST Integration, provides medical insurance coverage for nearly one-half of Hawaii's children. We manage an annual budget of nearly \$3.5 billion to provide benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, health care, safety, child care, and food security.

DHS is a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council), which is the body responsible for coordinating State agency TOD planning and facilitating collaboration between the State and the counties on smart growth and TOD initiatives. As a member of the TOD Council, DHS advocates for equitable

development, and was a key player in the development and inclusion of equitable development principles in the 2017 State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD.

Equitable development promotes and supports community well-being and active and healthy lifestyles. It refers to a range of approaches for creating healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities where residents of all incomes, races, and ethnicities have access to the opportunities, services, and amenities they need to thrive. A key component to a thriving community lies at the intersection of housing and transportation.

Securing and maintaining affordable housing creates tremendous opportunities for individuals and families to succeed, yet it is a substantial challenge for Hawaii's low-income residents, who face one of the highest housing costs in the country. According to the City and County of Honolulu, there is an extreme affordable housing need for 84 percent of the population. Of the affordable housing needs, over 75 percent of total projected demand on Oahu is for households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income (which in 2017, was \$83,680 for a family of four) and is largely for multi-family rental units. DHS has calculated that the primary population that DHS serves has income below 30 percent of area median income; any discussion of affordable housing must incorporate the needs of Hawaii's low-income residents.

Access to public transportation is indispensable for many low-income individuals and families. While housing costs are typically the largest expenditure for households, transportation costs tend to be the second-largest expenditure. Preserving and developing housing, jobs, and services in transit-rich locations allows families to reduce their transportation costs, allowing the savings to go toward education, health care, healthy food, or other means to improve well-being.

Additionally, in 2016, DHS initiated its 'Ohana Nui effort by adopting a multigenerational approach to transform the way services are provided to individuals and families to improve outcomes and well-being. By providing programs and services that maintain a high level of service integration, quality, and intensity across multiple generations, DHS intends to reduce intergenerational poverty in the State, and the human and financial costs associated with poverty.

As part of the DHS mission to transform the way we deliver benefits and services, and as part of the Governor's package, DHS proposed SB 2793 SD2/HB 2366 (now HB 1926 HD 1), which requires DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to delivering human services to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

The proposed SB 2672 SD1 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential, improving access to affordable housing and transportation, reducing incidences of intergenerational poverty, and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

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



SB2672 SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.
House Committee on Water & Land

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** SB2672 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal eleven, sustainable cities and communities.

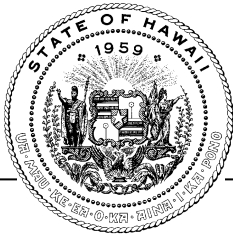
OHA has long sought to promote the resiliency and sustainability of our islands' lands and natural and cultural resources. OHA's strategic priorities include 'Āina (Land & Water), which represents our commitment to maintain Native Hawaiians' connection to the past and a viable land base; by Native Hawaiian participation in and benefit from the responsible stewardship of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i. In line with this priority, OHA's strategic results specifically seek to preserve cultural and natural resources and historic properties, including by increasing the percent of ahupua'a that are managed sustainably.

In July of 2014, OHA joined the Governor, four county mayors, the Legislature, and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners from across the State, in launching the Aloha+ Challenge, a statewide commitment to sustainability. Since then, OHA has worked in various partnerships to support these goals throughout the islands.

OHA understands that sustainable cities and communities will affect the built and natural environment, as well as the livelihoods and security of Native Hawaiians. Working to build such sustainable communities will protect the people and natural resources of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i.

OHA accordingly appreciates and supports the intent of this measure, and believes that the sustainable development goals relating to sustainable cities and communities will reaffirm and reinforce our efforts to ensure the resiliency and appropriate stewardship of our islands

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB2672 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
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in consideration of
SB 2672, SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2672, SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2672, SD1 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 2672, SD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 11, sustainable cities and communities by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 11 to make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning supports 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 of the Hawaii State Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

March 12, 2018

COMMITTEE ON WATER and LAND

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair

Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of SB 2672 SD1

Chairs Yamane and Todd,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **SB 2672 SD1**, which would further build on the actions of several green initiatives inspired by the recent Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage. This bill will help to codify sustainable development goals for our cities and communities based on the United Nations' Global Goal #11, of sustainable cities and communities.

As a local lumber and building supply company approaching its 100th anniversary, we recognize how important it is to be mindful in all aspects of resource sustainability; our future successes depend on that. Equally important, is caring for those in our communities, throughout the state. Our actions over the past 97 years provide evidence to our belief that with privilege, comes great responsibility to others. We strongly believe this bill would help to ensure a more inclusive community where all have equal access and opportunity.

We believe that when inclusive developments are created, with availability of affordable housing and reliable public transportation accessible, better living conditions are created. When planned mindfully with consideration given to nature, culture and faith, communities prove to be happier, safer and more resilient. *That* is of benefit to all. Therefore, we enthusiastically ask for your support of **SB 2672 SD1**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,



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Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Committee on Water & Land
Hawaii State House
Hawaii State Capitol

March 14, 2018, 10:30 a.m., Room 325

Re: S.B. 2672 SD1– Relating to Sustainable Cities and Communities

Dear Chair Yamane 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 "sustainable cities and communities" 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.

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Testimony for WAL on 3/14/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 9:44:55 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/14/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325

RE: Testimony in Support of **SB2672 SD1**, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; the Honorable Chris Todd, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2672 SD1**, relating to sustainable development goals; sustainable cities and communities and the United Nation's Global Goal Eleven.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2672 SD1** and support its passage.

SB2672 SD1 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 eleven, sustainable cities and communities.

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 believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling, and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

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 believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our 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 406-425, 432-439 (2016)).

Given that **SB2672 SD1** codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Eleven pertaining to sustainable cities and communities, 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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Testimony for WAL on 3/14/2018 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2018 5:08:18 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/14/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaac Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAL on 3/14/2018 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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

Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth

In Support of SB2672 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Water and Land
14 March 2018, 10:30am, Room 325

Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the Committee:

As a statewide partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **strongly supports SB2672 SD1** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize the critical importance of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities, as highlighted through SDG11. 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 21st 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.