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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Friday, February 23, 2018
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
SB 2672, SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

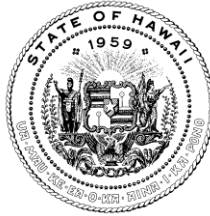
The Office of Planning supports SB 2672, SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2672, SD1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; 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 Plan, 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.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, February 23, 2018
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**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.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**FEBRUARY 23, 2018
10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2672 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. 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.





February 20, 2018

Dear Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2672 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #11, into state law. This is a significant opportunity to highlight Hawai'i's sustainability leadership, and catalyze new partnerships and resources to support local action. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs, as reflected in SB2661, and acknowledge discussion on the appropriate placement in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

The SDGs provide a global blueprint to balance environmental, social, and economic priorities, which embodies Hawai'i's mālama ethic and systems-based approach to resource management. Senator Kenneth Brown's 1973 speech eloquently conveys a guiding framework to Mālama Hawai'i, calling forth the vision of SDGs. Through SDGs, Hawai'i can partner with other local communities around the world to support place-based action that drives global sustainability outcomes.

The SDGs can support locally and culturally appropriate implementation of sustainability goals through the Aloha+ Challenge (SCR 69), Sustainable Hawai'i, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts. This builds on the recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and the inspiring Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Progress on Hawai'i's statewide sustainability commitment is being tracked through the online Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard, highlighting collaboration and action towards the global agenda.

The Oahu Economic Development Board priority is to facilitate progress on such infrastructure and planning issues that involve land, water and permitting in order to move the state towards energy independence and food independence. This organizational priority aligns with the SDG #11, Sustainable Cities and Communities. The SDGs intersect with key cross-cutting issues in Hawai'i, and acknowledge that none of these can be achieved without consideration for the others.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pono Shim
President and CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board



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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Testifying for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	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
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
23 February 2018, 10:00am, Room 211

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 SD1**. 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.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2018 12:55:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 2:58:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 4:55:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meredith Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2672. (Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal eleven, sustainable cities and communities)

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 6:08:08 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:54:51 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is urgently needed to help protect our environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 12:20:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear WAM Committee,

Without sustainable cities and communities, the state of Hawaii cannot meet its sustainability goals. Moving local communities in direction of sustainability will require planning and money. Using the guidelines set forth by the Aloha+ Challenge, the governor's Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, and other initiatives inspired by the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage and Malama Hawai'i, we can create a better Hawaii. Please support SB2672 with generous funding and other support as needed.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 3:45:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Gannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: WAM Committee meeting. 2/23/18 10:00 am room 211

Re: I support SB 2672. Please pass this bill and support sustainable development. The best for Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

Joan Gannon Chair Precinct 6 District 5 Hawaii Island

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 8:12:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Graham	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support this bill.

The State is committed to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. This commitment cannot be met without monitoring and measuring the life cycles of projects' gross and net carbon emissions.

As the first U.S. state to pass legislation in support of the Paris Climate Agreement after President Trump's withdrawal announcement, it's crucial that Hawaii keep its promise.

Every state need to codify how we meet the UN goals and meeting this goal will improve life here.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel John	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josephine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure to achieve **sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal eleven, sustainable cities and communities. Please pass it.**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen M Kimbrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: