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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 31, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

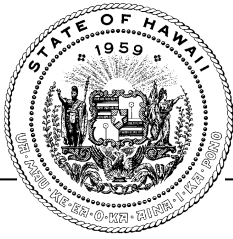
Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2667. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal thirteen, climate action. The Department supports this bill.

Climate change has adverse effects on the environment and it is prudent for the State to plan accordingly. With a developed, sustainable agricultural industry, the State will be prepared to address climate change in providing a reliable local food supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Wednesday, January 31, 2018
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in consideration of
SB 2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2674 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2674 amends 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 2674 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 13, to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts for all by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 13 to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters statewide; integrate climate change measures into state policies, strategies, and planning; and improve education and awareness-raising on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning 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 Plan, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles of the Hawaii State Plan. The Office of Planning

also recommends adding the climate change goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan into SB 2674.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 2674 proposes to add a new section to Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled Sustainable development goals; climate action. Climate action is one of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it complements a number of the Department's ongoing initiatives.**

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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in consideration of
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RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS § 343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS § 341-3.

Senate Bill 2674 proposes to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal thirteen, climate action, into HRS Chapter 344, State Environmental Policy.

Chapter 344, HRS, is an integral statute to the environmental review process. Adding the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) may have unintended effects on the EIS process.

Because the SDGs encompass more than environmental policy and are intended to affect policymaking and planning, perhaps HRS Chapter 226, the Hawai'i State Planning Act, could be a potential statute for housing the SDGs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SB2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

January 31, 2018

1:15 p.m.

Room 224

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** SB2674, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal thirteen, climate action.

OHA has long sought to promote the resiliency and health 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.

As a member of the the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission established by Act 32 (Reg. Sess. 2016), OHA also currently assists with direction, facilitation, coordination and planning among state and county agencies, federal agencies, and other partners on climate change mitigation (reduction of greenhouse gases) and climate change resiliency strategies, including, but not limited to, sea level rise adaptation, water and agricultural security, and natural resource conservation. OHA understands that the impacts of climate change – such as coastal flooding and erosion and impacts to terrestrial and marine ecosystems – will affect the built and natural environment, as well as the livelihoods and food security of Native Hawaiians. Understanding the extent of these changes and their impacts and identifying early adaptation actions is essential to protecting the communities 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 climate action will reaffirm and reinforce our efforts to ensure the resiliency and sustainable stewardship of our islands

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB2674. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 2674, establishing sustainable development goals relating to climate action.

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.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

January 31, 2018, 1:15pm, Room 224

Re: S.B. 2674 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Gabbard 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 "climate action" 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.



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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:15PM Conference Room 224

In SUPPORT of SB 2674 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 2674**, which seeks to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal #13: climate action.

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 #13 calls for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts², a goal that aligns well with the Sierra Club of Hawai'i's own dedication to help develop and support mitigation and adaptation strategies in the face of a warming climate, rising sea levels, more frequent and intense natural disasters, etc. 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 2674.

¹ <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/#>

² <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change-2/>

SB-2674

Submitted on: 1/28/2018 10:57:02 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2018 12:33:36 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please don't allow the United Nations any support in any environmental protection laws.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:39:44 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Fox	The Nature Conservancy	Support	Yes

Comments:

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and indicators into State law. We understand that there may be some questions related to the most effective placement of the SDGs within chapters of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. We defer to consultation between the Legislature and the Executive Administration as to placement in the HRS.

The Nature Conservancy's local, national and global conservation goals and strategies for protecting lands and waters, water quality, sustainable fisheries, and climate change mitigation and adaptation directly reflect established, credible commitments from major international agreements, particularly the U.N. SDGs. The SDG commitments empower our conservation work in Hawai'i and beyond to contribute to global efforts that improve the health and function of nature and human well-being.

SB-2674

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 3:02:29 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	Yes

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
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1:15 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2674, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Good afternoon, 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 Senate Bill No. 2674, relating to sustainable development goals regarding Climate Action as detailed in United Nation's Global Goal Thirteen. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2674 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2674, 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 Thirteen on Climate Action. 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 Senate Bill No. 2674 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Thirteen pertaining to climate action, 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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