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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018
10:30 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**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 supports placing the Sustainable Development Goals into Chapter 226, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as recommended by the State Office of Planning.

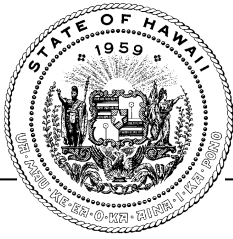
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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in consideration of
SB 2674
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 (OP) supports SB 2674 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2674 amends Hawaii Revised Statutes 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 Planning Act, to be consistent with §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.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2674
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 211
10:30 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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.



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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In SUPPORT of SB 2674 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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

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Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2674

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Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please support preparation for climate change to minimize the destructive and costly impacts.

mahalo,

Cory Harden, Hilo