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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 2675, 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 (OP) supports SB 2675, SD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2675, 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 2675, SD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 14, life below water by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 14 to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning supports the Senate Draft 1 version of this bill, which codifies 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.

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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. 2675 SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

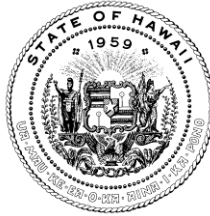
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2675 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal fourteen, life below water. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development through preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution. This bill also provides for removal or preventing of threat material, including sediment, invasive species, and marine debris, from entering nearshore marine habitats. 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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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of
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Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 23, 2018
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2675, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Senate Bill 2675, Senate Draft 1 proposes to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fourteen, life below water. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

Hawai'i's culture, economy, and way of life are intimately tied to our marine environment. We depend on healthy coral reefs and fisheries for food, recreation, tourism, and our island way of life. These mutually-dependent resources help to attract more than eight million annual visitors and generate more than \$360 million a year for Hawai'i's economy. However, the health of our marine environment is increasingly at risk from unsustainable fishing practices, land-based pollution and runoff, and warming and rising seas.

At the Hawai'i-hosted 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress, Governor Ige announced the [Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative](#) as part of the statewide effort to achieve the *Aloha+ Challenge* sustainability goals. The Governor's commitment includes a target to effectively manage 30% of Hawai'i's nearshore waters by 2030 (The 30x30 Marine Initiative). *Effective management* focuses on collaboratively developing action based on biological, as well as socio-cultural, economic, and governance drivers. Management could include spatial rules and designations in addition to consistent monitoring, enforcement, and education efforts. The Department's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is currently developing a strategic plan to implement and measure the 30x30 Marine Initiative by pursuing the following objectives:

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- A. **Implement statewide management actions**, including fisheries rules, to improve nearshore ecosystems, ensure responsible use, and sustainably manage key food fish species.
- B. **Identify a statewide network of priority areas** for effective management of at least 30% of Hawai'i's nearshore waters, and work collaboratively with local stakeholders to identify management options appropriate for each place.
- C. **Encourage responsible behavior** through compliance and enforcement of rules related to nearshore fisheries and ecosystems.
- D. **Prioritize and institutionalize monitoring** and data analysis to inform adaptive management.

Senate Bill 2675, Senate Draft 1 would provide a legislative mandate to support and implement effective management. The 30x30 Marine Initiative will improve the health of our nearshore resources by setting specific goals related to improving ocean-based enforcement, fisheries management, land-based and ocean-based source pollution, and climate adaption measures. This bill would strengthen DAR's commitment to achieving the sustainability goals that have been developed through the Aloha+ Challenge, the Promise to Pae'āina, and the 2016 World Conservation Congress Sustainable Hawaii Initiative. This measure would ensure legislative support and longevity of the 30x30 Marine Initiative and demonstrate the holistic support of this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** SB2675 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fourteen, life below water.

OHA has long sought to promote the resiliency and health of our islands' lands and natural and cultural resources. OHA's strategic priorities include maintaining Native Hawaiians' connection to 'Āina (Land & Water) as an inherent means to connect to the past, as well as encouraging Native Hawaiian participation in the 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 through 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. These strategies include 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 oceans and marine resources, as well as the cultural practices, 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 and cultural resources of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i.

OHA therefore appreciates and supports the intent of this measure. OHA believes that the sustainable development goals relating to protecting our oceans, seas, and marine resources will reaffirm and reinforce our ongoing efforts to ensure the overall resiliency and sustainable stewardship of our island home.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB2675 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting SB 2675 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 43,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators into State law.

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 the established, credible commitments from 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.

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Committee	Support	No

Comments:

OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2861 SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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 Senate Bill No. 2675 SD1, relating to sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fourteen pertaining to life below water.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2675 SD1 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2675 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 fourteen, life below water.

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 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 support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) because for public use and recreation. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of coastal 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 406-411, 422-430, 435-439 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2675 SD1 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Fourteen pertaining to life below water, 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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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 SB2675 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #14, 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. We would also like to promote economic growth that is environmentally and culturally sensitive. These organizational priorities and values align with the SDG #14, Life Below Water. 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,

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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 SB2675 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 SB2675 SD1** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize the critical importance of conserving and sustainably using our oceans, seas, and marine life as part of a sustainable future, as highlighted through SDG14. 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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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:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2018 12:55:31 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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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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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 SB2675. (Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fourteen, life below water)

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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 10:55:55 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:

I support SB2675 SD1. Sustainable goals for life below water are crucial for our future and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 12:37:06 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,

As an island community we must be the "canary in the coal mine" for the ocean we live in: issues of marine debris, fisheries depletion, coastal water pollution and other climate change issues must be recognized and dealt with. 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, inform us of the challenges ahead and how we can resolve them. Please support SB2675 with generous funding so that life beneath the sea can continue to thrive.

Thank you.

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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:

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

Comments:

I support this bill for the following reasons.

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.

Figuring out ways to meet the UN goal for life below water is obviously important for our islands. Beyond that, we all rely on the oceans who cannot speak for themselves about the terrible effects of climate change upon them.

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

Comments:

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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
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
Karen M Kimbrell	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 bill to achieve sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fourteen, life below water. Especially important for Hawaii.