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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
SB 2677
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2677 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2677 seeks to amend 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 2677 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 16, to ensure peace, justice, and strong institutions by 2030.

The OP appreciates the adoption of global goal 16 to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development; providing access to justice for all; and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The OP recommends 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. The OP also recommends adding the goals of the State of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2677.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

February 6, 2018, 9:30 am, Room 016

Re: S.B. 2677 – Relating to Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

Dear Chair Taniguchi 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 "peace, justice, and strong institutions" 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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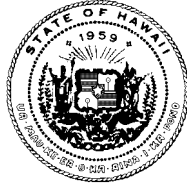
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Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2018 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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February 5, 2018

TO: The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2677 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 16, 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 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 sixteen, relating to peace, justice, and strong institutions.

DHS has a large stake in promoting peaceful and inclusive societies; providing access to justice for all; and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions in Hawaii. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals, and provides medical insurance coverage for nearly one-half of Hawaii's children. DHS has the largest operating budget of any state department, approximately \$3.3 billion, to provide benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, safety, health care, child care, food security, protective, and vocational rehabilitation services.

At the 2015 Access to Justice Conference sponsored by the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald said:

One of the greatest challenges to equal justice today is the lack of effective access to our civil justice system. The reason is simple—people who have low or even moderate incomes cannot afford to hire an attorney to represent them in their civil legal cases. Although there are legal services providers like the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii who do an amazing job representing indigent clients, they have nowhere near enough resources to meet the need. As a result, every year in Hawaii, thousands of people must represent themselves in our civil courts, trying to navigate a system that is foreign to the average layperson. Many of them simply give up.

Ensuring that every person's voice is heard when their legal rights are threatened is not a luxury—rather it is at the very foundation of the legitimacy of our courts, and therefore, our democracy. We are talking about fundamental human needs—housing, health care, and the ability to participate in raising one's child. When these decisions are made without hearing every side of the story, the promise of justice for all rings hollow.

To this end, DHS administers contracts for civil legal services and has experienced staff to administer contracts. In state fiscal year 2016, for example, with a mixture of federal and state funds, DHS administered nearly \$14 million in to provide a spectrum of services related to domestic violence (DV), including civil legal services, DV shelters, DV support services, rental assistance, and homeless services. The population served includes families with dependent children that are experiencing legal barriers as a result of domestic violence, families in domestic violence shelters, and immigrants experiencing domestic violence.

Additionally, as part of the continuing effort to reform the juvenile justice system, the Office of Youth Services proposed administration measures SB 2791/HB 2364 which establishes the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility of the Office of Youth Services to incorporate a more therapeutic and rehabilitative focus. The proposed Wellness Center will provide mental health treatment services, substance abuse treatment services, a crisis shelter for homeless youth, a crisis shelter for commercially sexually trafficked youth, vocational training, group homes, day treatment programs, educational services, and such other services as may be required to

meet the needs of the youth at risk and young adults at risk. The Wellness Center will improve and enhance Hawaii's juvenile justice system by preventing juvenile delinquency and lowering recidivism with support services for at risk youth, including homeless youth, sex trafficked youth.

Further, DHS is part of the national movement to improve the delivery of human services lead by the National Governors' Association, the American Public Human Services Association, Ascend of the Aspen Institute, and others. DHS is adopting a service integration and multigenerational approach, is redesigning its business processes, and continues to improve its technology systems. Through service integration and addressing the needs of multiple generations in a family concurrently, efforts and resources will be better targeted to support the well-being of individuals and families.

Ultimately, the goals of transformation are to improve well-being of individuals, families, and the community, reduce intergenerational poverty, reduce dependence on public benefits, and reduce the human and fiscal costs of poverty. The department's proposed administration bills, SB 2793/HB 2366, will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multi-generational model.

The proposed SB 2677 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential; promoting peaceful and inclusive societies; providing access to justice for all; building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions in Hawaii; and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

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



February 5, 2018

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2677 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #16, 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 believes economic development includes job creation and providing an environment in which the businesses that are right for Hawai'i thrive and grow. We also want to cause improved quality of life and standard of living for Hawaii's people, a broadly diversified economy, less vulnerable to outside conditions or events, and a healthy, growing economy that is sustainable over the long term. These organizational values align with the SDG #16, Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. 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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