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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**MARCH 21, 2018
2:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2678 SD3 HD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

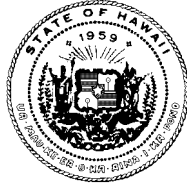
Chairperson Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2678 SD3 HD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goals with strengthening implementation, building industry, innovation, and infrastructure, reducing inequalities, and peace, justice and strong institutions. The Department supports this bill.

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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March 20, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2662 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 2:15 p.m.
Conference Room 325, 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 administration proposals which require DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to deliver human services to reduce the incidences of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to codify Sustainable Development Goals 9, 10, 16, and 17, related to infrastructure, inequalities, justice, and implementation respectively, based on the United Nations' Sustainability Development Guidelines and Indicators.

DHS has a large stake in the above-mentioned goals. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals, and provides medical insurance coverage for over forty percent of Hawaii's children. DHS has the largest operating budget of any state department, approximately \$3.5 billion, to provide benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, health care, child care, food security, protective services, and vocational rehabilitation.

To provide these benefits and services to Hawaii's vulnerable residents, DHS processes vast amounts of information on a daily basis. Signed into law by President Barack

Obama, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), in addition to expanding access to affordable health care insurance, ACA initiated and provided the bulk of the financing that supported the upgrading of the 30 year old DHS legacy systems to the DHS Integrated Enterprise System. The initial investment resulted in KOLEA, the eligibility determination system that processes on-line Medicaid applications in 24-48 hours.

DHS continues to invest in significant IT infrastructure improvements that will result in an integrated IT system to improve ease and access by individuals and staff, improve data analytics, and will result in improved service delivery and improved individual and program outcomes. With a focus on affordable and equitable access for all, the integrated eligibility system will enable Hawaii's individuals and families to apply for the benefits and services online, via a streamlined application process, eliminating the need for the applicant to submit multiple applications.

This IT integration initiative is a crucial component of the department's efforts to improve the delivery of human services. By adopting a service integration and multigenerational approach (addressing the needs of multiple generations in a family concurrently), redesigning our business processes, and continuing to improve our technology systems, our efforts and resources will be better targeted to support the well-being of individuals and families and reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty.

Multiple studies identify the consequences of growing up in poverty: "individuals who grow up in poor families are more likely to be poor in early adulthood;" and "the chances of being poor in early adulthood increases sharply the longer the time spent in poverty in early childhood." See, Robert L. Wagmiller, Jr., and Robert M. Adelman, "Childhood and Intergenerational Poverty: The Long-Term Consequences of Growing up Poor." The groundbreaking 1988 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study showed clear linkage of the number of ACEs a child experienced to negative health outcomes in adulthood.

Preliminary analysis of data from Hawaii's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) show that a percentage of Hawaii's SNAP recipients experience intergenerational poverty. For those born from 1987-1996 (currently, 21-30 years old), over 35,000 received SNAP benefits in childhood and as adults, or 21 percent of (166,081) the total number of those born from 1987-1996 who received SNAP benefits during their

lifetime. For those born, during the period 1977-1986 (currently, 31-40 years old), more than 33,000 received SNAP benefits in childhood and as adults, or 23.5 percent of (140,930) the total number of those born during the period 1977-1986 who ever received SNAP.

Of particular concern is that individuals in the above age groups represent parents of young children. To change the trajectory of these families and individuals, DHS must transform its practices and provide services more effectively in a way that will support the child's, parent's and other individual's social capital, educational and economic potential to become self-sufficient, and reduce their dependence on public benefits.

Regarding peace, justice, and inclusive institutions, 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.

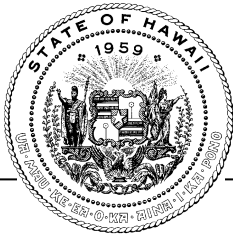
To this end, DHS administers contracts for civil legal services and has experienced staff to administer contracts. In state fiscal year 2016, with a mixture of federal and state funds, DHS administered nearly \$14 million to provide a spectrum of services related to domestic violence (DV), including 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 DV, families in DV shelters, and immigrants experiencing domestic violence.

Additionally, as part of the continuing effort to reform the juvenile justice system, the Office of Youth Services (OYS) proposed administration measures SB 2791/HB 2364, which establish the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility of the OYS 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.

Ultimately, the goals of our transformation efforts 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 (now HB 1926 HD1), will underpin the department's transformation from a siloed service delivery model to an integrated and multi-generational model.

The proposed SB 2678 SD3 HD1 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential, reducing incidences of intergenerational poverty, and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

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



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Statement of
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Wednesday, March 21, 2018
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in consideration of
SB 2678, SD 3, HD 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2678, SD 3, HD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2678, SD 3, HD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify four of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world.

SB 2678, SD 3, HD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 17, strengthening implementation by 2030; global goal 9, building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovations by 2030; global goal 10, reducing inequalities within and among countries by 2030; and global goal 16, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goals 9, 10, 16, and 17 to build resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialization and innovation, reduce inequalities, and promote peaceful and inclusive societies, and strengthening the means of implementation of the sustainable development goals throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made in the House Draft 1 version of this bill, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	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 SB2678 SD3 HD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Judiciary
21 March 2018, 2:15pm, Room 325

Honorable Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2678 SD3 HD1 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. As a statewide partnership, we recognize the critical importance of public-private partnerships and cross-sector collaboration in implementing sustainable development outcomes, as highlighted through SDG17 as well as the importance of investing in resilient infrastructure and leading the way in innovation to achieve a more sustainable future, as highlighted through SDG9. We also recognize the critical importance of reducing inequality in all aspects, as highlighted through SDG10, and the critical importance of promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies, as highlighted through SDG16. Even further, HGG recommends adopting the entire global framework with all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD2**. 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.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State House
Hawaii State Capitol

March 21, 2018, 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Re: S.B. 2678, SD3, HD1 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Nishimoto 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 "strengthening implementation" 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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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



March 20, 2018

SB 2678, SD17 Strengthening Implementation

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2678 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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 priorities on facilitating 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, and participating with other organizations in workforce development planning to ensure that Hawai'i residents have the skills necessary to compete in a global economy, aligns with the SDGs on Strengthening Implementation (#17). 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.

If you would like further input from me, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We the people of Hawaii Island do not support SB2678 SD3 HD1 or any other Bill that has any thing to do with the United Nations Standerds . America and Hawaii Has different standerds that are bassed on is people and the way of life we have here. This is much more important to raiseing our children then the United Nations Standerds. You are deathramental to the well being of the people of Hawaii and America. Think about what you are doing to the people before you do things like this.

Aloha

LATE

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Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: