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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of
SB 2678, SD 3
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The Office of Planning supports SB 2678, SD 3 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2678, SD 3 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 2678, SD 3 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 17, strengthening implementation by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 17 to strengthen the means of implementation of the sustainable development goals throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030. We note that this particular goal aligns with the establishment and role of the State's sustainability coordinator position.

The Office of Planning appreciates the amendments made in the Senate Draft 3 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.



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State House
Hawaii State Capitol

March 14, 2018, 9:30 a.m., Room 309

Re: S.B. 2678 SD3 – Relating to Strengthening Implementation

Dear Chair Evans 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.

SB-2678-SD-3

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Testimony for EDB on 3/14/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	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 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
House Committee on Economic Development and Business
14 March 2018, 9:30am, Room 309

Honorable Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2678 SD3 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. 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.

SB-2678-SD-3

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Comments:



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2678, SD3
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 309
9:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, 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 2678, SD3, which would establish sustainable development goals relating to implementation goals.

This UN sustainability goal is a critical step towards the implementation of the remaining goals. The details of how goals can be achieved is difficult. This measure provides a roadmap of how the financial and other tools needed to realize the various goals. Responsible parties will need to be identified as each of these tasks will require significant efforts.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.