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

Comments:

PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

THE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Thursday, March 8, 2018
1:30 P.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

RE: Testimony in Support of **SCR21**

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR21** to ENDORSE AND ADOPT, AND URGE THE SEVERAL COUNTIES TO ENDORSE AND USE, THE UNITED NATIONS SEVENTEEN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS COMPONENTS OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING AND ASSESSING HAWAII'S EFFORTS TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR21** and supports its passage.

SCR21 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it engages, endorses, accepts, and adopts the United Nations seventeen sustainable development goals as components of a framework for addressing and assessing Hawaii's efforts toward social justice and sustainability. The seventeen sustainable development goals are: (1) No poverty; (2) Zero hunger; (3) Good health and well-being; (4) Quality education; (5) Gender equality; (6) Clean water and sanitation; (7) Affordable and clean energy; (8)

Decent work and economic growth; (9) Industry, innovation, and infrastructure; (10) Reduced inequalities; (11) Sustainable cities and communities; (12) Responsible consumption and production; (13) Climate action; (14) Life below water; (15) Life on land; (16) Peace, justice, and strong institutions; and (17) Partnerships for the goals.

Specifically, the Platform of the DPH provides that "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is 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 believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

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 fresh water resources.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches 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 believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our 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 adaptation 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. 7, Lines 407-439 (2016)).

Given that **SCR21** engages, endorses, accepts, and adopts the United Nations seventeen sustainable development goals as components of a framework for addressing and assessing Hawaii's efforts toward social justice and sustainability, 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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Cooper	Testifying for Hawaii Institute for Human Rights	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha

We are very pleased with the introduction of this important resolution to coordinate the county councils to share and strategize together to mobilize and measure our local efforts to guarantee dignity, justice, equality and freedom in Hawai'i.

We believe the UN Sustainable Development Goals will provide a pathway for Hawai'i to measure our sustainable progress to balance our pursuit of equality, equity and existence on our island earth.

This resolution will assist Hawai'i as we assess our abilities to improve human rights in our daily life and assist future generations in Hawai'i to continue a culture of rule of law and consider our natural environment.

While the UN SDGs are at the global level they matter most in our local lives and therefore believe the State of Hawai'i and the County Council coordinate together to achieve the 2030 Development Agenda. This resolution will support a human rights and peoples centered approach to sustainability in our islands.

We look forward to work together with City Councils and State of Hawaii to coordinate annual reviews providing best practices being created in our communities together. We believe a Hawai'i Commission on Human Rights and Resilience can host annual events sharing engagement strategies that have contributed to a better and balanced Hawai'i bringing together advocates, artists, academics, activists and analysts.

Mahalo

Maluhia Me Ka Pono

Joshua Cooper