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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING ALL COUNTIES TO INCORPORATE INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE  
COUNTY CODES THE SEVENTEEN UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

1           WHEREAS, the World Conservation Congress Hawai'i Commitments  
2 of 2016 declare that "[w]e must undertake profound  
3 transformations in how human societies live on Earth, with  
4 particular attention to making our patterns of production and  
5 consumption more sustainable. We must recognize that human  
6 health and wellbeing depend on healthy ecosystems. We must  
7 recognize that every form of life has value - regardless of its  
8 worth to humans."; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Hawai'i has been a leader in conservation efforts  
11 for decades, through its commitment to environmental and  
12 sustainability policies; and  
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14           WHEREAS, in July of 2014, the State launched the Aloha+  
15 Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'oa, A Culture of Sustainability, a  
16 statewide commitment to sustainability, with the leadership of  
17 the Governor, four county mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
18 Legislature, and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners  
19 across the State that builds on the State's history of systems  
20 thinking, Hawaiian culture and values, and successful track  
21 record on sustainability to outline six ambitious goals to be  
22 achieved by 2030; and  
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24           WHEREAS, to increase the efforts of the Aloha+ Challenge,  
25 the Governor launched the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative in 2016;  
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28           WHEREAS, at the global level, the United Nations  
29 Sustainable Development Goals, World Conservation Congress  
30 Hawai'i Commitments of 2016, and Paris Climate Agreement have  
31 been adopted to guide global efforts; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),  
2 otherwise known as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,  
3 were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable  
4 Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012, came into force in 2015,  
5 and are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the  
6 planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity;  
7 and  
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9           WHEREAS, the seventeen SDGs are interconnected and work in  
10 the spirit of partnership and pragmatism to make the right  
11 choices now to improve life, in a sustainable way, for future  
12 generations; provide a clear framework for action to guide  
13 countries in accordance with their own priorities and the  
14 environmental challenges of the world at large; and tackle the  
15 root causes of poverty and unite us to make a positive change  
16 for both people and planet; and  
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18           WHEREAS, dealing with the threat of climate change impacts  
19 how we manage our fragile natural resources, achieving gender  
20 equality and better health helps eradicate poverty, and  
21 fostering peace and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities  
22 and help economies prosper; the SDGs are voluntary commitments  
23 to thereby make the world a better and more prosperous place;  
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26           WHEREAS, in order for Hawai'i to continue to serve as a  
27 starlight for the rest of the world in setting policies on  
28 sustainability and serve as global leader on issues of  
29 conservation and sustainability, it is essential that the State  
30 demonstrate its full commitment to its own policies and goals as  
31 well as the goals set on the international stage at United  
32 Nations conferences and summits on sustainability; now,  
33 therefore,  
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35           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
37 House of Representatives concurring, that, in pursuance of the  
38 State's sustainability goals, all counties are encouraged to  
39 incorporate into their respective county codes the seventeen  
40 United Nations sustainable development goals; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all counties are encouraged to  
2 specifically incorporate into their respective county codes the  
3 following:

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- 5 (1) Goal 1. No poverty. End poverty in all its forms  
6 everywhere;
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- 8 (2) Goal 2. Zero hunger. End hunger, achieve food  
9 security and improved nutrition, and promote  
10 sustainable agriculture;
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- 12 (3) Goal 3. Good health and well-being. Ensure healthy  
13 lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
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- 15 (4) Goal 4. Quality education. Ensure inclusive and  
16 equitable quality education and promote lifelong  
17 learning opportunities for all;
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- 19 (5) Goal 5. Gender equality. Achieve gender equality and  
20 empower all women and girls;
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- 22 (6) Goal 6. Clean water and sanitation. Ensure  
23 availability and sustainable management of water and  
24 sanitation for all;
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- 26 (7) Goal 7. Affordable and clean energy. Ensure access  
27 to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern  
28 energy for all;
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- 30 (8) Goal 8. Decent work and economic growth. Promote  
31 sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth;  
32 full and productive employment; and work for all;
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- 34 (9) Goal 9. Industry, innovation, and infrastructure.  
35 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and  
36 sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation;
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- 38 (10) Goal 10. Reduced inequalities;
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- 40 (11) Goal 11. Sustainable cities and communities. Make  
41 cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and  
42 sustainable;



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- 2 (12) Goal 12. Responsible consumption and production.
- 3 Ensure sustainable consumption and production
- 4 patterns;
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- 6 (13) Goal 13. Climate action. Take urgent action to
- 7 combat climate change and its impacts;
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- 9 (14) Goal 14. Life below water. Conserve and sustainably
- 10 use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for
- 11 sustainable development;
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- 13 (15) Goal 15. Life on land. Protect, restore, and promote
- 14 sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems; sustainably
- 15 manage forests; combat desertification; and halt and
- 16 reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss;
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- 18 (16) Goal 16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions.
- 19 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for
- 20 sustainable development, provide access to justice for
- 21 all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive
- 22 institutions at all levels; and
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- 24 (17) Goal 17. Partnerships for the goals. Strengthen the
- 25 means of implementation; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
 29 and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of  
 30 the County of Hawai'i, Mayor of the County of Kaua'i, Chairperson  
 31 of the Honolulu City Council, Chairperson of the Maui County  
 32 Council, Chairperson of the Hawai'i County Council, and  
 33 Chairperson of the Kaua'i County Council.

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 35 OFFERED BY: DKuh  
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