

As we enter a new decade, our time to reach further to the stars is here. Down to earth issues regarding the cost of living, the economy, job growth, transportation, business, tourism, high technology, agriculture, climate change, invasive species, and sustaining the environment is a priority. Let's work together to make this year the start of a new renaissance for the "Roaring

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2020 Senate Legislative Program



We, the Hawai'i State Senate are dedicated to the protection and sustainability of our people, communities, natural resources, and economic prosperity. To this end, we are committed to advancing the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to achieve a prosperous and sustainable Hawai'i.

Hawai'i has established itself as a global leader in addressing sustainability and climate change challenges. The Senate's prioritization of the Aloha+ Challenge and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals has led to policy changes while fostering partnerships between government and organizations including the Hawai'i Green Growth United Nations Local2030 Hub and the Hawai'i Community Foundation's CHANGE Framework, to promote and enhance a coherent statewide policy for sustainable development. We will continue to work with these partners and the public to improve our communities.



The Hawai'i State Senate is committed to furthering eight of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the 2020 Legislative Session. As we enter the second year of the Thirti-

eth Legislative Biennium, we have an opportunity to build upon the successes of the 2019 Regular Session, as well as pursue new ideas and initiatives. We will further address areas of need in our communities and continue momentum toward a statewide implementation of all 17 Goals.



We will ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at every age by improving access to quality health care, including mental and behavioral health services; reducing youth vaping; and repurposing underutilized state facilities.



We will ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by improving teacher recruitment and retention, strengthening civic education programs, increasing revenue sources to support and enhance secondary education, and expanding career and technical education opportunities to develop a 21st century workforce.



We will promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth; full and productive employment; and work for all by encouraging job creation and workforce development programs, embracing innovation, and developing sustainable business plans to invest in the future of Hawai'i.

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We will work diligently to promote social, economic, and political growth for all by increasing the minimum wage, requiring paid family leave, and creating a retirement savings program.



We will continue our commitment to develop inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable neighborhoods by increasing access to affordable and transitional housing, reducing homelessness, increasing local food production to promote food security, protecting agricultural lands, improving infrastructure, and investing in modern transportation.



We will take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by promoting carbon neutrality, ocean conservation, sustainable land use, and protection of watersheds.



We will promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development; provide access to justice for all; and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels by exploring effective options to restructure government, increase Hawai'i's participation on the international level, enhance public safety, improve social services, expand the Sister State Program, e Archives and increase civic education statewide

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We will continue to strengthen the means of implementation of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by encouraging and promoting effective public, private, and civil society partnerships; building on the experience and resourcing strategies of existing partnerships; enhancing a coherent policy for sustainable development; and building on existing initiatives to develop measurements of

progress on sustainable development that complement economic goals.

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