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In extraordinary times, we are called upon to take extraordinary actions. By working together with public, private and community sector partners, we will tackle the tough issues ahead and emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever.

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## **2021 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 17 Sustainable Development Goals over the past three years has led to policy changes and fostered partnerships between government and various organizations to promote and enhance a coherent statewide policy for sustainable development. In 2020, the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic heightened these development goals, by shedding light on key areas that must be addressed to further our sustainable development goals and create a more resilient Hawai'i. We will continue to work with organizations and the public in Hawai'i to recover from the effects of the pandemic and remain on the path to sustainable development.



The Hawai'i State Senate is committed to furthering ten of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the 2021 Legislative Session.



We will ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at every age by implementing evidence-based strategies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting our kupuna from the virus, improving access to quality health care, supporting family caregivers, and improving local resiliency in health care by training local medical professionals.



We will ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by increasing access to broadband technology for all students, modernizing schools, carefully implementing plans for in-person and distance learning, and evaluating the teaching workloads and classifications of the University of Hawai'i.



We will ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all by promoting renewable energy and committing to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.



We will promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, opportunity for full and productive employment, and work for all by improving Hawai'i's economic resilience; aiding small businesses devastated by the coronavirus pandemic; diversifying industry; managing sustainable tourism; investing in access to broadband technology; and pivoting the State economy towards agriculture.





We will build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation by investing in and preventing the exodus of local talent; diversifying the economy; assuring digital accessibility to all communities; and promoting a creative resurgence in the culture and arts.



We will work diligently to promote social, economic, and political growth for all by supporting affordable housing and investing in broadband connectivity in underserved areas.



We will continue our commitment to develop inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable neighborhoods by increasing access to affordable housing; reducing homelessness, increasing local food production to promote food security; investing in Farm – to – State programs; ending the housing shortage; investing in local talent; training local workers in technical jobs; and maintaining local infrastructure such as state parks, airfields, and small boat harbors.



We will take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by promoting sustainable tourism, exploring carbon sequestration, and investing in renewable energy.



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 examining government agencies that could be restructured and evaluating leadership and inmate training programs in correctional facilities in Hawai'i.

## 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

We will continue to implement the **17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** by creating effective public, private, and civil society partnerships by building on existing partnerships; enhancing a coherent policy for sustainable development; and improving the resiliency of the economy and healthcare systems in Hawai'i.

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