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**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday February 15, 2019
10:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 698, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 698, Senate Draft 1 proposes to add a new section to Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled Sustainable development goals. The seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a commitment to conservation, sustainability, and economic development. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure with comments as it complements a number of the Department's ongoing initiatives.** While the Department supports this measure, we request that the timelines be adjusted from 2020 to 2030 to allow for implementation of Goals 2 F and 14 D and E.

In reference to Goal 2, the State has followed the lead of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and created the Hawaii Strategy for Plant Conservation (<http://laukahi.org/hawaii-strategy-for-plant-conservation/>) to commit to secure seed collections from 75% of Hawaii's most important plant species by 2020. In 2012, 73% of Hawaii's 'important' plants had already been collected from. However, most of these collections were not large enough to meet the needs of restoration programs, representing less than 10% of the wild plants, making them genetically narrow. More work needs to be done to increase the number and quality of these collections and expand collections of more common species. Further, the Department continues to support the diversification of agricultural systems by providing technical and financial assistance through the Forest Stewardship Program to landowners interested in developing agroforestry systems.

Per Goal 3, the Department notes that urban forest areas and tree-lined streets have been shown to lead to reduced crime, and reduced vehicle speeds which increases safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Further, placing trees next to freeways and roads, and having roads pass through and by

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green areas, reduces driver stress, as measured by blood pressure, heart rate, and sympathetic nervous system changes.

The Department recognizes the importance of providing on the job training for youth as identified in Goal 4 and has partnered with organizations such as Kupu, who uses state funding to leverage AmeriCorps grant funds to provide service-learning programs in conservation, renewable energy, agriculture, and sustainability as a catalyst to restore communities and build a more sustainable future for Hawaii. Many Kupu interns have gone on to lead successful careers in the Department and elsewhere. The Department also supports training for educators through Project Learning Tree that connects placed based environmental issues with national teaching standards for students.

The Department recognizes that watershed protection is a cornerstone to meeting a multitude of the SDGs and agrees with their inclusion of the subject in Goal 6. The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife is actively carrying out management actions to work toward this goal to protect 30% (253,000 acres) of priority watersheds by 2030, as are 10 Watershed Partnerships representing a multitude of public and private landowners across five islands.

Natural resource related employment already accounts for a significant proportion of the State's green economy. As identified in Goal 8, green jobs will continue to be an important part of a growing sustainable economy. The most recent statistical analysis of the green job market by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations estimates that there are over 11,000 green jobs making up 2.4 percent of Hawaii's private sector alone.

The Department notes that part of Goal 9, build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation, and Goal 11, make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, includes the preservation, maintenance, and expansion of green infrastructure, including our urban forests and trees. Urban forests can play a significant role in building healthier communities and people, cooling heat islands in cities, improving sales in business districts, and protecting communities from the impacts from storm events and natural disasters through storm-water mitigation and absorption.

The Department understands that protecting and increasing the footprint of our native forests will have as much of an impact on mitigating the effects of climate change as reducing our carbon emissions. In addition, protecting and managing our coral reefs towards resiliency of climate related stressors, will help sustain Hawaii's marine ecosystems into the future. To address Goal 13, the Department must increase capacity. By reforesting grasslands under the jurisdiction of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife alone the State could sequester five billion tons of carbon from the atmosphere. Native forests also mitigate climate change by keeping the islands cooler, protecting our reefs from being smothered by runoff, protecting communities from the impacts from storm events and natural disasters through storm-water mitigation and absorption, and efficiently collecting rainwater for our aquifers. Increased capacity of marine management will also help mitigate climate change through invasive species and reef restoration projects.

The work of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission further addresses Goal 13. The proposed measure addresses equity issues, which is echoed in the Commission's mission statement. By continuing to work with the State Office of Planning's

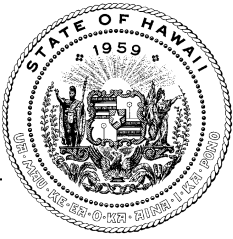
Sustainability Coordinator, the City and County of Honolulu's Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency office, and the other County Sustainability officers, as well as on a national level with the 18-Governor US Climate Alliance, the Commission's focus is on resilience and clean energy. It recognizes the "urgency" of climate threats, and promotes "ambitious" strategies. In the near future, it proposes to develop a technical assistance program for state and county agencies dealing with vulnerability to climate impacts (especially sea level rise), to be conducted by experts; and provide coordination and support for a number of clean (and sustainable) transportation actions. These strategies resonate with the proposed measure's intent to help Hawaii achieve its energy, climate change and sustainability goals.

Per Goal 14, the Department recognizes that a comprehensive marine plan is needed to conserve and sustain Hawaii's ocean and marine resources by implementation of statewide management actions, including fisheries rules, to improve nearshore ecosystems, ensure responsible use, and sustainably manage key food fish species; the identification of a statewide network of priority areas for effective management of at least 30% of Hawai'i's nearshore waters, and work collaboratively with local stakeholders to identify management options appropriate for each place; the encouragement of responsible behavior through compliance and enforcement of rules related to nearshore fisheries and ecosystems; the prevention of marine pollution, and the prioritization of monitoring and data analysis to inform adaptive management. In order to study and implement the programs listed in Goal 14 the Department asks that the timeframe be shifted to 2030.

Goal 15 is the core to the mission of the Department to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their uses for their intrinsic and ecosystem services values.

The Department recognizes the importance of Goal 17, strengthen the means of implementation. The Department currently receives less than 1% of the state budget to manage state lands mauka to makai. The Department has been working to identify alternative means of funding conservation actions, including building public-private partnerships to help manage and steward Hawaii's natural resources. In 2017, the Department partnered with Coca-Cola to fund a project for watershed protection in the headwaters of Coca-Cola's bottling facility. The Department is currently exploring a public-private partnership for a voluntary carbon offset/credit program that would fund the reforestation of grassland areas in Pu'u Mali, Hawaii Island, and Kahikinui and Nakula reserves on Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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in consideration of
SB 698, SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning supports SB 698 SD1, which codifies the 17 United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world by 2030, in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act. These 17 Sustainable Development Goals align with the Hawaii State Planning Act, HRS Chapter 226.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of the following Global Goals to:

1. End poverty.
2. End hunger.
3. Ensure good health and well-being.
4. Ensure a quality education.
5. Achieve gender equality.
6. Ensure clean water and sanitation.
7. Ensure affordable and clean energy.
8. Promote sustained decent work and economic growth.
9. Build a resilient industry, innovation, and infrastructure.
10. Reduce inequality.
11. Make cities and communities more sustainable.
12. Ensure responsible consumption and production.
13. Take urgent climate action.
14. Conserve, sustainably use, and protect the life below water.
15. Protect, restore, and sustainably use the life on land.
16. Promote peace, justice, and strong institutions.
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and develop partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Office of Planning appreciates amendments made to codify this proposal in HRS Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with HRS §226-108, the State's Sustainability Priority Guidelines and Principles, the various goals, objectives, and policies set forth in Part I of HRS Chapter 226.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY ON SB 698, SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 211
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 698, SD1, which would codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and indicators.

These are very worthy goals; however, as with many difficult tasks, the details which will enable the State to achieve those goals must be considered. If we really want to commit to accomplish these ambitious objectives, we need to ascertain our priorities and determine how they will be funded and implemented. HFB believes that priority should be given to measures that will make the most difference for Hawaii's people and environment.

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



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** SB698 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development and their respective targets.

OHA has long worked for the development and implementation of meaningful policies which reduce inequities faced by Native Hawaiians. This has included advocating for the successful passage of Act 155 (Reg. Sess. 2014), codified in Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Section 226-20, which requires our State to take a holistic and systemic “social determinants of health” approach to addressing health disparities seen in the Native Hawaiian and other communities. Most recently, OHA joined the Governor, four county mayors, the legislature, and Hawai‘i Green Growth public-private partners across the State in the launch of the Aloha+ Challenge, a statewide commitment to sustainability whose goals would also address Native Hawaiian socioeconomic and health inequities in the era of climate change. OHA has continued to work in collaboration to support these and similar goals through partnerships across the state.

Like the Aloha+ Challenge, the Sustainable Development Goals described in this measure cover a broad range of social and economic development issues that influence our quality of life, and that inform the inequities faced by Native Hawaiians in Hawai‘i. These include poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, and environmental and social justice. By addressing these issues, the Goals and their targets will reduce the inequities faced by Native Hawaiians while also promoting the future self-sufficiency, welfare, and well-being of all who call these islands home.

OHA believes that the codification of the Sustainable Development Goals in this measure would align with and support our historical and ongoing advocacy, programs, and initiatives to ensure a more equitable future that empowers Hawaiians and strengthens Hawai‘i.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB698 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY

RE: **SB 698, SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals**

E nā Luna Ho‘omalū Dela Cruz, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalū Keith-Agaran, a me nā Kenekoa ‘ē a‘e o kēia Kōmike, aloha!

Kamehameha Schools **SUPPORTS SB 698, SD1**, which codifies the 17 United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) into state law.

The UN SDGs provide a global blueprint to balance environmental, social, and economic priorities, embodying Hawai‘i’s mālama ethic and systems-based approach to resource management. The SDGs intersect with key cross-cutting issues in Hawai‘i – from climate change and agriculture to housing and education – and acknowledge that none of these can be achieved without consideration for the others.

In 2014, Hawai‘i State legislature unanimously passed SCR69, endorsing and supporting the Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona ‘Ae‘oia – Hawai‘i’s local framework to monitor sustainability and climate action in the context of the UN SDGs. A year later, the UN SDGs were formally adopted by over 190 countries.

After 5 years of work, the United Nations recognized the Aloha+ Challenge’s progress in inter-organizational collaboration and action towards the global agenda by designating Hawai‘i as one of the world’s first sustainability hubs for statewide leadership. The Hawai‘i Green Growth Local2030 Hub, is a public-private partnership that develops and scales local solutions to achieve the UN SDGs. As a UN Hub, Hawai‘i can attract new resources to support local action and partner with communities around the world to drive global sustainability outcomes.

Kamehameha Schools, a HGG Local2030 Hub founding partner, is committed to host and work with a committee to identify a physical space for the Hub, a place for statewide partners across public, private, and community sectors to convene and accelerate local solutions to global challenges. This commitment builds on the Memorandum of Understanding among Kamehameha Schools, the University of Hawai‘i, and HGG to support the Aloha+ Challenge, specifically on sustainable educational and leadership pathways.

SB689 reinforces Hawai‘i’s sustainability and climate commitments, strong track record of statewide public-private partners, and recognition as a UN Local2030 Hub. Kamehameha Schools



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SUPPORTS SB689 to adopt the UN SDGs in Hawai‘i, and appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success, and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.

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Comments:

The UN SDGs are good guidelines for the world, but we must act locally when we think globally.



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LOCAL 2030

Hawai'i Green Growth is a public private partnership committed to advancing economic, social and environmental goals, and United Nations Local2030 sustainability hub that scales local solutions to global sustainability challenges.

Testimony of the Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub
In Support of SB698 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Honorable Chair Dela Cruz Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

As a United Nations Local2030 hub, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB698 to adopt the 17 United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law.

Last November, HGG was invited by the UN to become one of the world's first Local2030 sustainability hubs for the SDGs – the first Island and Pacific Hub – because of Hawai'i's history of systems-thinking, statewide sustainability leadership and collective action since 2011. Led by the State Legislature (SCR69) with the Governor, County Mayors, and public and private partners, Hawai'i launched the *Aloha+ Challenge* one year prior to the formal adoption of the SDGs by over 190 countries at the UN. 2019 marks the five-year anniversary of the *Aloha+ Challenge*, Hawai'i's local framework to implement the SDGs, measured through the online Aloha+ Dashboard to track local progress towards the global agenda.

The SDGs holistically address 21st century challenges that cut across environmental, social, and economic priorities, and embody Hawai'i's mālama 'āina approach to resource management. The HGG public-private 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. As a Local2030 Hub, HGG will partner with the UN and communities across the globe to build a more sustainable future for Hawai'i and Island Earth.

We appreciate the Senate's leadership on the SDGs, as well as the support for Hawai'i sustainability initiatives over the past several decades. Enacting the SDGs into state law through SB689 is significant for Hawai'i locally, nationally and internationally, and we encourage passage of this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB698.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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SENATE BILL NO. 698 SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 698 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global seventeen goals and indicators. The Department supports this bill.

This bill calls for the State's commitment to conservation, sustainability, and economic development by including the seventeen UN sustainable development goals and indicators, with references to existing state sustainability programs, in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Department supports these efforts as it relates to a sustainable future for Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii
Supporting SB 698 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
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The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawaii and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and work in over 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs, waters and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnership with government, private parties and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and the many benefits they provide to people.

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators, with references to State sustainability programs, into the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Nature Conservancy's local, national and global conservation goals and strategies for protecting lands and waters, water quality, sustainable fisheries, and climate change mitigation and adaptation directly reflect the established, credible commitments from the U.N. SDGs. The SDG commitments empower our collective government and private conservation work in Hawaii and beyond to contribute to global efforts that improve the health and function of nature and human well-being.

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Comments:

Please support SB698.

Thank you for your time.

Andrea Quinn

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Feb. 14, 2019

In Support of SB698 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Ways And Means (WAM)
Feb. 15, 10:15am, Room 211

Aloha, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Surfrider Foundation's Hawaii Chapters strongly support SB698 to codify the 17 United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) into state law. Surfrider is a member of the Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub, a public-private partnership that develops and scales local solutions to achieve the UN SDG's, which align with our values as a state.

Last November, Hawai'i was recognized by the **Late** one of the world's first Local2030 sustainability hubs for statewide leadership through the *Aloha+ Challenge (SCR69)* – Hawai'i's local framework for the UN SDGs. Hawai'i launched the *Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'olia* one year prior to the formal adoption of the UN SDGs by over 190 countries, and 2019 marks the five-year anniversary of this statewide commitment. Progress on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate goals are tracked through the open-data *Aloha+ Dashboard*, highlighting collaboration and action towards the global agenda.

The SDGs provide a global blueprint to balance environmental, social, and economic priorities, embodying Hawai'i's mālama ethic and systems-based approach to resource management. The SDGs intersect with key cross-cutting issues in Hawai'i – from climate change and agriculture to housing and education – and acknowledge that none of these can be achieved without consideration for the others. Surfrider's Hawaii Chapters support all of the SDG goals, but our focus is on Clean Energy, Waste Reduction and Natural Resource Management. As a UN Hub for the SDGs, Hawai'i can attract new resources to support local action and partner with communities around the world to drive global sustainability outcomes.

SB698 reinforces Hawai'i's sustainability and climate commitments, strong track record by statewide public-private partners, and recognition as a UN Local2030 Hub. Surfrider Foundation supports SB698 to adopt the UN SDGs in Hawai'i, and appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony. Mahalo for your consideration and support.

Aloha,

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Healthy Climate
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Testimony in support of SB698 SD1

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Friday, March 15, 2019 10:15 a.m.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and WAM Committee Members,

Please support SB698 SD1.

Healthy Climate Communities is devoted to reducing the negative impact of climate change through local education and community action. The United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals are consistent with the changes we are already striving to make, but are measurable, have timelines and are consistent with movements across the globe. This show of international solidarity will provide opportunities for partnerships which will help us and others achieve our common goals.

In particular, United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal #7 will reinforce our ongoing efforts to strengthen our low-carbon, renewable energy sector. I appreciate and support that the words “fossil fuels” were removed as we must use existing and forthcoming technological innovations to replace them completely.

Mahalo,

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **Comments on SB698 SD1**

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The Hawaii Public Health Association is a group of over 600 community members, public health professionals and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

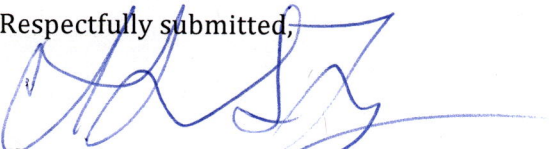
The Hawai'i Public Health Association (HPHA) supports SB 698 SD1, which codifies the 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226. The Sustainable Development Goals relate to a broad range of social and environmental conditions, including: poverty, hunger, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice. All of these conditions impact health across Hawai'i.

These conditions are often referred to as social determinants of health. Social determinants of health are an underlying cause of today's major societal health dilemmas including obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and depression. As stated by the New England Journal of Medicine, "complex interactions and feedback loops exist among the social determinants of health. For example, poor health or lack of education can impact employment opportunities, which in turn constrain income. Low income reduces access to healthcare and nutritious food and increases hardship. Hardship causes stress, which in turn promotes unhealthy coping mechanisms such as substance abuse and overeating of unhealthy foods.

The 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals provide a clear framework for action to guide Hawai'i's development and actions to address environmental challenges. They tackle the root causes of health and health disparities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on important health issues affecting people in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,



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