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TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 3100 SD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: February 20, 2020 at 10:35 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill as the UN's Sustainable Development Goals are consistent with the duties and services of the department to reduce the incidence and harmful impacts of poverty and to support the well-being of Hawaii's residents and community.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators.

DHS has a large stake in addressing the UN goals. DHS provides benefits and services to one in four Hawaii residents, or nearly 360,000 individuals, and medical insurance coverage for over forty percent of Hawaii's children. DHS provides benefits and services relating to homelessness, education, employment, health care, child care, food security, protective services, and vocational rehabilitation.

In 2016, DHS launched the 'Ohana Nui framework by adopting a service integration and multigenerational approach (addressing the needs of multiple generations in a family concurrently), redesigning our business processes, and continuing to improve our technology systems. Once complete, our efforts and resources will be better targeted to support the well-being of individuals and families and reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty.

DHS is interested in cross-sector collaboration to pilot innovative strategies to support nurturing parenting, increase the availability and access to quality child care, support housing affordability and stability, support parents' and individuals' pathways of education and improved job skills.

Multiple studies identify the consequences of growing up in poverty: "individuals who grow up in poor families are more likely to be poor in early adulthood;" and "the chances of being poor in early adulthood increases sharply the longer the time spent in poverty in early childhood." See, Robert L. Wagmiller, Jr., and Robert M. Adelman, "Childhood and Intergenerational Poverty: The Long-Term Consequences of Growing up Poor." The groundbreaking 1988 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study showed clear linkage of the number of ACEs a child experienced to negative health outcomes in adulthood.

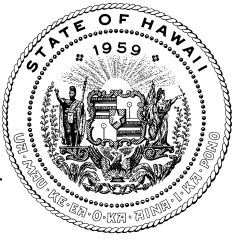
Preliminary analysis of data from Hawaii's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) show that a percentage of Hawaii's SNAP recipients experience intergenerational poverty. For those born from 1987-1996 (currently, 21-30 years old), over 35,000 received SNAP benefits in childhood and as adults, or 21 percent of (166,081) the total number of those born from 1987-1996 who received SNAP benefits during their lifetime. For those born, during the period 1977-1986 (currently, 31-40 years old), more than 33,000 received SNAP benefits in childhood and as adults, or 23.5 percent of (140,930) the total number of those born during the period 1977-1986 whoever received SNAP.

Of concern is individuals in the above age groups represent parents of young children. To change the trajectory of these families and individuals, DHS must transform its practices and provide services more effectively in a way that will support the child's, parent's and other individual's social capital, educational and economic potential to become self-sufficient, and reduce their dependence on public benefits.

Ultimately, the goals of our transformation efforts are to improve the well-being of individuals, families, and the community, reduce intergenerational poverty, reduce dependence on public benefits, and reduce the human and fiscal costs of poverty.

DHS supports this measure as it aligns with the vital services that DHS provides.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS**  
Director, Office of Planning  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
Thursday, February 20, 2020  
10:35 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211  
in consideration of  
**SB 3100, SD 1**  
**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** the intent of SB 3100 SD1, which codifies the 17 United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world by 2030, in Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawai'i State Planning Act. These 17 Sustainable Development Goals align with the Hawai'i State Planning Act, HRS Chapter 226.

The Office of Planning supports 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 recommends **amendments** to SB 3100, SD 1:

1. To page 10 (2) (C) to extend the doubling of food production goal from [2020] to **2030**. This is to match the intent of Act 151, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2019, to require the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to develop a strategic plan to achieve the Governor's goal of doubling food production and increasing food exports by 2030.

2. To page 11 (F) to extend the 2020-year reference to 2030, to match the intent of Act 151, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2019.
3. To page 34 (D) and (E) to extend the 2020-year reference to 2030, to match the intent of the Sustainable Hawai‘i Initiative’s Marine Management Goal to manage 30% of nearshore marine areas effectively managed by 2030.
4. To page 34 (E) to extend the 2020-year reference to 2030, to match the intent of the Sustainable Hawai‘i Initiative’s Marine Management Goal to manage 30% of nearshore marine areas effectively managed by 2030.

The Office of Planning notes that HRS §226-108 codifies the state’s Sustainability Priority Guidelines and Principles to promote sustainability. The Aloha+ Challenge, the Sustainable Hawai‘i Initiative, and the IUCN’s World Conservation Congress “Hawai‘i Commitments” are not codified within the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.

The Office of Planning thanks the Hawai‘i State Legislature for passing Act 146, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2019, transitioning and codifying the Office of Planning’s responsibility to revise and update the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan within the Hawai‘i State Planning Act as Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §226-65. The newly revised Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan is required to serve as “the state’s climate and sustainability action plan.” The Office of Planning intends to use the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals as a decennial framework for 2020-2030 update to the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan. However, the original \$150,000 appropriation for this update needs additional funds to execute the revision and update for this plan.

The Office of Planning has been actively working on sustainable development and climate adaptation to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Office of Planning notes that the Hawai‘i State Legislature recently established the state’s Sustainability Coordinator position within the Office of Planning, pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2016.

The Office of Planning recognizes that statewide sustainability planning and coordination is demanding work beyond the capacity of one individual position. The Office of Planning requests additional staff and operating expenses to support comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination and implementation of Hawaii’s sustainability laws, goals, policies, priorities, and planning throughout government; provided that they do not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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**HAWAII CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION**  
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**Testimony of**  
**Anukriti Hittle**  
**Coordinator, Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission**

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

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
**10:35AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In support of**  
**SENATE BILL 3100, SENATE DRAFT 1**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 3100, Senate Draft 1 proposes to codify sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' sustainable development goals and indicators. **On behalf of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) I support this measure.**

The Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission “recognizes the urgency of climate threats and the need to act quickly. It promotes ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsible strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation in a manner that is clean, equitable and resilient.” The Commission, established by Act 32 SLH 2017 to uphold the United States’ pledges under the Paris Agreement, is the coordinating body for policies on climate change mitigation and adaptation for the state. It is a high-level multi-jurisdictional body that guides the priorities of the state’s climate response. Co-chaired by DLNR and Office of Planning, it consists of 20 members—chairs of four legislative committees, and executive department heads at the county and state levels.

Of the United Nations’ seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Goal 13 specifically points to climate action. However, as noted in the measure, these goals are all intricately linked. For this reason, the Commission has identified two priorities as starting points in its work: Reducing emissions from ground transportation, and adapting to the sea level rise and associated impacts. These priorities include a strong focus on climate equity, as Hawaii moves forward to make itself “climate ready.” Senate Bill 3100 is crucial to this gargantuan effort. The Commission’s work forward will be well supported by this measure’s attempt to codify the UN’s SDGs into law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Chair, DLNR  
Director, Office of Planning

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Chair, Senate WTL  
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Chair, House WTH  
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**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 3100, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Senate Bill 3100, Senate Draft 1 proposes to add a new section to Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled Sustainable Development Goals. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it complements a number of the Department's ongoing initiatives.**

The seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a commitment to conservation, sustainability, and economic development. The goals support the Hawaii Strategy for Plant Conservation; the Department's urban and community forestry objectives; job training for youth, and training for educators; watershed protection; resource related employment/green jobs; resilient infrastructure; mitigating the effects of climate change by reducing our carbon emissions and sequestering carbon; protecting and managing our coral reefs and sustaining Hawaii's marine ecosystems; effective management of at least thirty percent of Hawai'i's nearshore waters; ensuring the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems; and strengthening the means of implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

### Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 10:35 AM  
Date: February 20, 2020  
Where: Conference Room 211

#### TESTIMONY

By Kā'eo Duarte

Vice President, Community Engagement and Resources

#### RE: **SB 3100, SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals**

E ka Luna Ho'omalua Dela Cruz, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua Keith-Agaran, a me nā Lālā o kēia Kōmike, aloha! My name is Kā'eo Duarte and I serve as the Vice President for Community Engagement and Resources at Kamehameha Schools.

Kamehameha Schools **SUPPORTS SB 3100, 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, none of which can be achieved without consideration for the others.

As an Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) Local2030 Hub founding partner, we are 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.

SB 3100, SD1 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 **SUPPORTS SB 3100, SD1** 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.



## **Testimony in support of SB3100**

### **Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing Thursday February 20, 2020, 10:35pm**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the additions to the Hawai'i State Planning Act. While we support all goals, we particularly support Goals 2 (food), 7 (energy) and 13 (combat climate change). These goals will help Hawai'i adapt to and become more resilient despite the devastating and costly impacts of climate change that are already evident in the islands.

While the impact of these goals will not be felt until they are converted to policy measures, they will guide future decisions in a way that will help us preserve our quality of life in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

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# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:35 A.M.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: SB 3100 SD1, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 3100 SD1, which codifies the State's sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and indicators.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Hawaii continues to play a leading role in protecting our environment and promoting sustainable policies. The seventeen goals set by the United Nations helps to provide a holistic approach to sustainable development for the State of Hawaii. We believe in the benefits of a sustainable future and recognize the important role the business community plays to ensure that these goals are met, and by working with stakeholders to help create practical, reasonable and rational solutions to address these important issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3100 SD1.

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 8:09:58 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 11:00:30 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB 3100 SD1 adds 17 new goals, each with a set of objectives, to the Hawai'i State Planning Act, many of which support sustainable practices to maintain environmental objectives.

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 11:52:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

aloha,

our state needs to help lead the way to a better, more sustainable future as we have in the past.

mahalo for supporting this bill.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 12:18:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 7:24:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB3100 since UN standards are formed by a team of world-renowned climatologists.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

**SB-3100-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2020 10:34:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Henri Etta Schmitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: