
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds, as declared in the World
2 Conservation Congress Hawai'i Commitments of 2016, that "[w]e
3 must undertake profound transformations in how human societies
4 live on Earth, with particular attention to making our patterns
5 of production and consumption more sustainable. We must
6 recognize that human health and [well-being] depend on healthy
7 ecosystems. We must recognize that every form of life has value
8 - regardless of its worth to humans." Hawaii has been a leader
9 in conservation efforts for decades, through its commitment to
10 environmental and sustainability policies. In the 1970s, the
11 State enacted the State Environmental Policy, chapter 344,
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a mechanism to set environmental
13 goals. Our understanding of the challenges facing our natural
14 environment worldwide has changed remarkably since the 1970s,
15 and the laws enacted in Hawaii in recent decades have served as
16 a starlight for other jurisdictions and set a global example on
17 how to adopt policies on sustainability. More recently, several



1 approaches to sustainability have emerged in Hawaii, including
2 the Aloha+ Challenge, the governor's Sustainable Hawai'i
3 Initiative, and other initiatives inspired by the Mālama Honua
4 Worldwide Voyage and Mālama Hawai'i.

5 In July of 2014, the State launched the Aloha+ Challenge, a
6 statewide commitment to sustainability, with the leadership of
7 the governor, four county mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
8 legislature, and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners
9 across the State. *The Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'oia, A*
10 *Culture of Sustainability*, builds on Hawaii's history of systems
11 thinking, Hawaiian culture and values, and successful track
12 record on sustainability to outline six ambitious goals to be
13 achieved by 2030:

- 14 (1) Clean energy: Achieve seventy per cent clean energy,
15 with forty per cent from renewables and thirty per
16 cent from efficiency;
- 17 (2) Local food: At least double local food production for
18 local consumption;
- 19 (3) Natural resource management: Reverse the trend of
20 natural resource loss mauka to makai by increasing
21 freshwater security, watershed protection, community-



1 based marine management, invasive species control, and
2 restoration of native species;

3 (4) Waste reduction: Reduce the solid waste stream prior
4 to disposal by seventy per cent through source
5 reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill
6 diversion methods;

7 (5) Smart sustainable communities: Increase livability
8 and resilience in the built environment through
9 planning and implementation at the state and county
10 levels; and

11 (6) Green workforce and education: Increase local green
12 jobs and education to implement these goals.

13 To increase the efforts of the Aloha+ Challenge, the
14 governor launched the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative in 2016,
15 which includes five goals:

16 (1) Double local food production by 2020;

17 (2) Implement Hawaii's interagency biosecurity plan by
18 2027;

19 (3) Protect thirty per cent of the highest priority
20 watersheds by 2030;



(4) Manage thirty per cent of nearshore ocean waters by 2030; and

(5) Achieve one hundred per cent renewable energy in electricity by 2045.

In May of 2014, Hōkūleʻa began a three-year voyage across the world's oceans carrying the message of Mālama Honua - to care for the earth. Building on the legacy of the Polynesian wayfinders, the Hōkūleʻa Worldwide Voyage inspired actions of conservation across the Hawaiian Islands and beyond, resulting in the connection of a lei of aloha around the globe.

At the global level, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the World Conservation Congress Hawaiʻi Commitments of 2016, and the Paris Climate Agreement have been adopted to guide global efforts. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012, came into force in 2015, and are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The SDGs are interconnected and work in the spirit of partnership and pragmatism to make the right



1 choices now to improve life, in a sustainable way, for future
2 generations. They provide a clear framework for action to guide
3 countries in accordance with their own priorities and the
4 environmental challenges of the world at large. They tackle the
5 root causes of poverty and unite us together to make a positive
6 change for both people and planet.

7 Dealing with the threat of climate change impacts how we
8 manage our fragile natural resources, achieving gender equality
9 and better health helps eradicate poverty, and fostering peace
10 and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities and help
11 economies prosper. The SDGs are voluntary commitments to make
12 the world a better and more prosperous place.

13 During September 2016, over ten thousand leaders from
14 government, civil society, indigenous communities, faith and
15 spiritual traditions, the private sector, and academia gathered
16 in Hawaii for a meeting of the International Union for
17 Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress. Delegates
18 to the Congress adopted the World Conservation Congress Hawai'i
19 Commitments to achieve the transformation required to promote a
20 "Culture of Conservation". The Hawai'i Commitments consist of
21 seven identified challenges and proposed solutions, including:



- (1) Linking spirituality, religion, culture, and conservation;
- (2) Engaging and empowering youth;
- (3) The challenge of sustaining the global food supply and conserving nature;
- (4) The challenge of preserving the health of the world ocean;
- (5) The challenge of ending wildlife trafficking;
- (6) The challenge of engaging with the private sector; and
- (7) The challenge of climate change.

The Hawai'i Commitments build on the Paris Climate Agreement and the SDGs to allow different global voices to come together and find common ground in the spirit of partnership, collaboration, and sustainability.

In order for Hawaii to continue to serve as a starlight for the rest of the world in setting policies on sustainability and to serve as global leader on issues of conservation and sustainability, it is essential that the State demonstrate its full commitment to its own policies and goals as well as the goals set on the international stage at United Nations conferences and summits on sustainability.



1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to codify the State's
2 commitment to conservation and sustainability by including the
3 United Nations SDGs and indicators, with references to existing
4 state sustainability programs, if applicable, in the Hawaii
5 Revised Statutes.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
8 designated and to read as follows:

9 "§226- Sustainable development goals; no poverty. In
10 pursuance of the State's sustainability goals, and
11 notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all agencies may,
12 insofar as practicable, take action to assist the State in
13 achieving the sustainable development goal of ending poverty in
14 all its forms everywhere by 2030 by:

15 (1) Eradicating extreme poverty for all people in Hawaii,
16 currently measured as a family of four living on less
17 than \$89 a day;

18 (2) Reducing at least by half the number of men, women,
19 and children of all ages living below the federal
20 poverty level;



1 (3) Implementing appropriate social protection systems and
2 measures for all, including floors, and achieving
3 substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable;

4 (4) Ensuring that all individuals, in particular the poor
5 and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic
6 resources, as well as access to basic services,
7 ownership and control over property, inheritance,
8 natural resources, appropriate new technology, and
9 financial services, including microfinance; and

10 (5) Building the resilience of the poor and those in
11 vulnerable situations and reducing their exposure and
12 vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and
13 other economic, social, and environmental shocks and
14 disasters.

15 §226- Sustainable development goals; good health and
16 well-being. In pursuance of the State's sustainability goals,
17 and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all agencies,
18 insofar as practicable, may take action to assist the State in
19 achieving the sustainable development goal of ensuring healthy
20 lives and promoting well-being for all by 2030 by:



- 1 (1) Ensuring that the state maternal mortality ratio is
2 less than ten per one hundred thousand live births;
- 3 (2) Ending preventable deaths of newborns and children
4 under five years of age, with all counties aiming to
5 ensure that the neonatal mortality rate does not
6 exceed four per one thousand live births and the
7 under-five-years-of-age mortality rate does not exceed
8 six per one thousand live births;
- 9 (3) Ending the epidemics of human immunodeficiency virus
10 (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS),
11 tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases, and
12 combating hepatitis, mumps, rat lung worm disease,
13 dengue fever, water-borne diseases, and other
14 communicable diseases;
- 15 (4) Reducing premature mortality from non-communicable
16 diseases by one-third, compared to 2018 levels,
17 through prevention and treatment and promoting mental
18 health and well-being;
- 19 (5) Strengthening the prevention and treatment of
20 substance abuse, including narcotic drug and alcohol
21 abuse;



- 1 (6) Reducing the number of state deaths and injuries from
2 road traffic accidents by one-half, compared to 2018
3 levels;
- 4 (7) Ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive
5 health care services, including family planning,
6 information and education, and the integration of
7 reproductive health into state programs;
- 8 (8) Achieving universal health coverage, including
9 financial risk protection; access to quality essential
10 health care services; and access to safe, effective,
11 quality, and affordable essential medicines and
12 vaccines for all people in Hawaii;
- 13 (9) Substantially reducing the number of deaths and
14 illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water, and
15 soil pollution and contamination;
- 16 (10) Substantially reducing tobacco use among persons of
17 all ages;
- 18 (11) Substantially increasing health financing and the
19 recruitment, development, training, and retention of
20 the health workforce in the State, particularly in
21 rural areas; and



1 (12) Strengthening the capacity of all counties for early
2 warning, risk reduction, and management of national
3 and global health risks."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Sustainable Development Goals; United Nations Goals

Description:

Codifies sustainable development Goals 1 and 3 based on the United Nations' Global Goals into the Hawaii State Planning Act.
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