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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**MARCH 21, 2018  
2:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2665 SD1 HD1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Chairperson Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2665 SD1 HD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal four, quality education. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development through substantially increasing the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment and developing young leaders. 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.





**STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 03/21/2018  
**Time:** 02:15 PM  
**Location:** 325  
**Committee:** House Judiciary

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2665, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Codifies in state law the goal relating to quality education of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators. (SB2665 HD1)

**Department's Position:**  
Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2665, SD1, HD1 which codifies goal four, quality education, of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

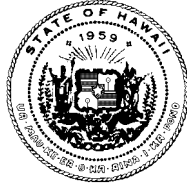
Goal four articulates a number actions toward ensuring inclusive and equitable education that align with the Joint Department of Education and Board of Education Strategic Plan, including a focus on literacy, career and technical education, teacher recruitment and retention, and expanding the Department's partnerships. In addition, the Department was an active participant in the World Conservation Congress that was held in Hawaii in 2016, and created an online resource bank to provide K-12 educators with a starting point for locating resources relevant to the themes of the Congress such as food and water security, biodiversity, and climate change.

The Department is actively engaged in several initiatives, tied to our Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan, that will further the objectives elucidated in goal four and looks forward to working collaboratively with other State offices toward these ends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan

which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).



STATE OF HAWAII  
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March 20, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2665 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 2:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the proposed bill as it aligns with the department's transformation efforts and mission to support the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to codify in state law the goal relating to quality education of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators.

DHS has a large stake in ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program of DHS, for example, currently serves more than 1,600 children statewide, and provides child care subsidies to eligible low- and moderate-income families to pay preschool tuition. The program aims to provide children whose families might otherwise not be able to afford preschool the opportunity to gain essential skills to be successful in school and in life.

Through the department's First to Work and Employment & Training programs, DHS provided education-related benefits to approximately 160 individuals in state fiscal year 2016 to pay for credit and non-credit courses, training courses, certification courses, books, supplies, uniforms, tools, and other education-related items. Additionally, the Social Services Division of DHS provides higher education and other supports for former foster youth.

In 2016, DHS initiated its 'Ohana Nui framework by adopting a multigenerational approach to transform the way services are provided to individuals and families to improve outcomes and well-being. By providing programs and services that maintain a high level of service integration, quality, and intensity across multiple generations, DHS intends to reduce intergenerational poverty in the State, and the human and financial costs associated with poverty.

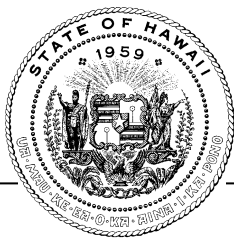
One of the pillars of the 'Ohana Nui framework is education and economic stability. According to the Aspen Institute, investments in high-quality early education yield a 7-10 percent per year return on investment based on increased school and career achievement as well as reduced social costs. At the same time, parents who complete a college degree double their incomes. A parent's level of educational attainment is also a strong predictor of a child's success.

As part of the DHS mission to transform the way we deliver benefits and services, and as part of the Governor's package, DHS proposed SB 2793/HB 2366 (now HB 1926 HD 1), which requires DHS to use an integrated and multigenerational approach to delivering human services to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits.

Additionally, DHS is engaged in its first departmental strategic plan to improve overall program outcomes and establish outcome measures of services for children, parents, and families geared to reduce adverse risks and increase protective factors that promote educational attainment and wage progression that lead to economic self-sufficiency. One of the key objectives of the strategic plan is to support early childhood development and school readiness.

The proposed SB 2665 SD1 HD1 furthers the goals of DHS as we transform to an integrated service delivery system with a focus on supporting every recipient's human potential; ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education; promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all; reducing incidences of intergenerational poverty; and improving the community's overall health and well-being.

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



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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
Wednesday, March 21st, 2018  
2:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**SB 2665, SD 1, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.**

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 2665, SD 1, HD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2665, SD 1, HD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 344, the State's Environmental Policy, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; SB 2665, SD 1, HD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 4, to ensure quality education by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 4 to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning recommends amendments to codify this proposal in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to be consistent with HRS § 226-108, the State's sustainability priority guidelines and principles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-2665-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



*Hawai'i Green Growth is a statewide public-private partnership that catalyzes action across government, private sector and civil society to achieve Hawai'i's sustainability and climate goals, and serve as a model for integrated green growth*

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**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth**  
In Support of SB2665 SD1 HD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals  
House Committee on Judiciary  
21 March 2018, 2:15pm, Room 325

Honorable Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

As a statewide partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **strongly supports SB2665 SD1 HD1** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize the role of education in building a more sustainable future, as highlighted through SDG4. Even further, HGG recommends adopting the entire global framework with all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD2**. HGG acknowledges discussions underway to determine the appropriate placement in HRS, but supports the overarching vision to holistically address 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges that cut across environmental, social, and economic priorities.

We appreciate the Senate's leadership on the 2018 Majority Program on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the support for Hawai'i sustainability initiatives over the past several decades. Our partnership believes that the SDGs can help advance local efforts to address key challenges in Hawai'i across housing, climate change, energy, environmental protection, health, education and economic development by acknowledging that none of these can be addressed without consideration for the others. We cannot meet our climate goals without achieving sustainable development outcomes and vice versa. Senator Kenneth Brown's 1973 Mālama Hawai'i speech proposed that every action – economic, social and political - be guided by *mālama*. The 17 SDGs embody Hawai'i's *mālama* 'āina approach to resource management, and counsels the necessity of maintaining a balance between all aspects of our environment, society, and economy. In many ways Senator Brown foretold the eventual arrival of the SDG framework.

Hawai'i launched the *Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'ōia* one year prior to the formal adoption of the SDGs by over 190 countries. The *Aloha+ Challenge* is led by the State Legislature (Senate Concurrent Resolution 69), Governor, four County Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and private sector and civil society partners. Building on Hawai'i's history of systems thinking and many community initiatives, this commitment identifies statewide sustainability goals across energy, food, natural resources, waste, smart sustainable communities and climate, green education and workforce. Hawai'i's *Aloha+ Challenge* is recognized as a place-based model to support locally and culturally appropriate implementation of the SDGs. At the same time, the global SDG framework supports the implementation of local models like the *Aloha+ Challenge*, Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts, and can help attract new resources to drive implementation. It also builds on Hawai'i's recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and the inspiring Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Enacting SDGs into state law is significant for Hawai'i locally, nationally and internationally.

Above all, the 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. Because of the scale of the threat, this is no longer something Hawai'i can do alone. Indeed, for many in the international community, Hawai'i holds the answer to finding the balance based on the wisdom of our host culture and fundamental island values, as embodied in Senator Kenneth Brown's speech delivered 45 years ago. It is our kuleana, both a responsibility and privilege, to partner with communities across the globe to build a more sustainable future for Hawai'i and island earth.

Thank you for your visionary leadership and for the opportunity to submit testimony.





## *AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE*

Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State House  
Hawaii State Capitol

March 21, 2018, 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Re: S.B. 2665, SD1, HD1 – Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Peter Fithian and I am the Legislative Chair for the Airports Concessionaires Committee whose membership consists of the major concession operators at Hawaii's public airports. Airport concessions presently have historically contributed more than half of the operating revenues for Hawaii's airport system which as you know is special funded.

Our Committee supports this bill.

On behalf of our employees and families and friends, we commend you for your leadership in setting "quality education" goals for our State.

While the problems of today are certainly compelling, you recognize the importance of not only the present but planning now for the future well-being of all of us who live in Hawaii by your actions in supporting this legislation.

We must plan now and start to take steps to preserve our future of our family, friends and our Hawaii that is so special to all of us and to so many around the world .

Mahalo for your vision and leadership.

**SB-2665-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



March 20, 2018

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2665 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4, into state law. This is a significant opportunity to highlight Hawai'i's sustainability leadership, and catalyze new partnerships and resources to support local action. We recommend adopting all 17 SDGs, as reflected in SB2661, and acknowledge discussion on the appropriate placement in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

The SDGs provide a global blueprint to balance environmental, social, and economic priorities, which embodies Hawai'i's mālama ethic and systems-based approach to resource management. Senator Kenneth Brown's 1973 speech eloquently conveys a guiding framework to Mālama Hawai'i, calling forth the vision of SDGs. Through SDGs, Hawai'i can partner with other local communities around the world to support place-based action that drives global sustainability outcomes.

The SDGs can support locally and culturally appropriate implementation of sustainability goals through the *Aloha+ Challenge* (SCR 69), Sustainable Hawai'i, 100 Resilient Cities, Promise to Pae 'Āina, and other efforts. This builds on the recent adoption of the Paris Agreement (Act 32) and the inspiring Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a. Progress on Hawai'i's statewide sustainability commitment is being tracked through the online *Aloha+ Challenge* Dashboard, highlighting collaboration and action towards the global agenda.

The Oahu Economic Development Board priorities include facilitating progress on such infrastructure and planning issues that involve land, water and permitting in order to move the state towards energy independence and food independence. Participating with other organizations in workforce development planning to ensure that Hawai'i residents have the skills necessary to compete in a global economy. These priorities align with the SDG #4, Quality Education. The SDGs intersect with key cross-cutting issues in Hawai'i, and acknowledge that none of these can be achieved without consideration for the others.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO  
Oahu Economic Development Board



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**SB-2665-HD-1**

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Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: