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Statement of LEO R. ASUNCION

Director, Office of Planning before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 23, 2018 10:00 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of SB 2676, 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 (OP) supports SB 2676, SD 1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals. SB 2676, SD 1 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, to codify one of the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, a group of 17 goals to transform our world; SB 2676, SD 1 specifically seeks to codify UN Sustainable Development Goal, global goal 15, to sustainably manage the life on land by 2030.

The Office of Planning appreciates the adoption of global goal 15 to protect, restore, and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss throughout the State of Hawaii by 2030.

The Office of Planning supports the Senate Draft 1 version of this bill, which codifies 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 of the Hawaii State Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE Governor

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEBRUARY 23, 2018 10:00 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 2676 SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2676 SD1. This bill codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nation's Global Goal fifteen, life on land. The Department supports this bill.

This bill provides for sustainable development by ensuring the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their uses. This bill also states to implement the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan by 2027. The Department support these efforts as it relates to a sustainable future for Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII





STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 23, 2018 10:00 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of SENATE BILL 2676, SENATE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Senate Bill 2676, Senate Draft 1 proposes to build on the statewide actions of the Aloha+ Challenge, the governor's Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, and other initiatives inspired by the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage and Malama Hawai'i and codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fifteen, life on land. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and its intentions as it relates to forest and natural resource management.**

The goals stated by the measure are core to the mission of the Department, including:

- Ensuring the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their uses;
- Promoting the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halting deforestation, restoring degraded forests, and substantially increasing afforestation and reforestation statewide;
- Restoring degraded land and soil through reforestation;
- Ensuring the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development;
- Promoting fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promoting appropriate access to such resources;
- Taking urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halting
 the loss of biodiversity, and protecting and preventing the extinction of threatened
 species;

SUZANNE D. CASE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

LAND STATE PARKS

- Taking urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and addressing the demand and supply of illegal wildlife products;
- Implementing Hawai'i's interagency biosecurity plan;
- Integrating ecosystem and biodiversity values into state and local planning, development processes; and
- Mobilizing significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to advance conservation and reforestation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



SB2676 SD1

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB2676 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fifteen, life on land.

OHA has long sought to ensure the proper administration and stewardship of our public trust natural and cultural resources, which have been of utmost importance to our islands since time immemorial. For example, OHA has invested substantially in advocacy, proactive planning, research, and partnerships to promote the appropriate and beneficial use of public trust water resources. This has included the adoption of a new policy to be included in the OHA BOT Executive Policy Manual, entitled "Wai," which encapsulates OHA's vision for Hawai'i to be a 21st-century model for the protection and stewardship of water based on Native Hawaiian culture, best practices, and the public trust. OHA will continue to fulfill and improve upon its kuleana as a leader in protecting Hawai'i's 'āina and wai resources, and setting an example in pono and culturally-based management practices.

OHA accordingly appreciates and supports the intent of this measure, which would urge state agencies to work to protect, restore, and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems; sustainably manage forests; combat desertification; and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss. To better reflect the unique understanding and particular value of public trust water resources in Hawai'i and in Native Hawaiian culture, OHA respectfully recommends the inclusion of the following four additional goals, to be inserted where appropriate and to read as follows:

"Upholding Hawai'i's constitution, water code, and the public trust doctrine, including protections for Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and other public trust purposes of water;

Supporting and investing in community efforts to protect and restore water resources, including community engagement by the State Commission on Water Resource Management and other agencies;

Promoting "ahupua'a" principles of place-based stewardship, sustainability, and self-sufficiency;

Restoring and perpetuating Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices across Ka Pae 'Āina o Hawai'i; and

Advancing Native Hawaiians' fundamental needs and rights to water on all lands including, but not limited to, homesteads, kuleana, and any land base for a future Native Hawaiian self-governing entity."

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to <u>PASS</u> SB2676 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Dear Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports SB2676 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #15, 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 priority is to facilitate 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. We would also like to promote economic growth that is environmentally and culturally sensitive. These organizational priorities and values align with the SDG #15, Life on Land. 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,

Pono Shim President and CEO Oahu Economic Development Board





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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting SB 2676 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:00AM, Room 211

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 43,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports including all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators into State law.

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 conservation work in Hawai'i and beyond to contribute to global efforts that improve the health and function of nature and human well-being.



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

Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth

In Support of SB2676 SD1 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals Senate Committee on Ways and Means 23 February 2018, 10:00am, Room 211

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

As a statewide partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **strongly supports SB2676 SD1** to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. We recognize the need to sustainably manage forests, halt and reverse land degradation, as well as biodiversity loss, as highlighted through SDG15. Even further, HGG recommends adopting the entire global framework with all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661 SD1**. HGG acknowledges discussions underway to determine the appropriate placement in HRS, but supports the overarching vision to holistically address 21st 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'oia* 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.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Testifying for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 12:36:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Committee	Support	No

Comments:

OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2676 SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2676 SD1, relating to sustainable development goals regarding Life on Land as detailed in United Nation's Global Goal Fifteen.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2676 SD1 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2676 SD1, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Fifteen, Life on Land.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states that "[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation.

We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our freshwater resources.

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources. We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaption measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 406-425, 432-439 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2676 SD1 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal Fifteen pertaining to Life on Land, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 8:18:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Janet Graham	Testifying for 350.org	Support	Yes	

Comments:

I support this bill for the following reasons.

The State is committed to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. This commitment cannot be met without monitoring and measuring the life cycles of projects' gross and net carbon emissions.

As the first U.S. state to pass legislation in support of the Paris Climate Agreement after President Trump's withdrawal announcement, it's crucial that Hawaii keep its promise.

This particular UN goal speaks to our relationship with the aina. This is a deeply held belief of Hawaii.

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/17/2018 12:58:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No	

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 1:51:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 2:59:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Fujita	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 3:24:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 4:56:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Meredith Buck	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I support SB 2676. (Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fifteen, life on land)

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 6:09:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No	1

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:57:22 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I support SB2676 SD1. Sustainable energy goals are crucial to protect life on land, our future and the safety of our childrens' futures. Thank you for your consideration.

SB-2676-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 1:14:24 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear WAM Committee,

Please codify Hawaii's commitment to conservation and sustainability of life on the land as described in United Nations' Global Goal fifteen.

Goals include conservation of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems, sustainable forest management, combating desertification, conserving mountain ecosystems, promoting equitable sharing of resources as internationally agreed upon, support of natural habitats, promotion of biodiversity and prevention of the extinction of threatened species.

The methodology is laid out in our local sustainability documents, including the Aloha+Challenge, the governor's Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, and other initiatives inspired by the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage and Malama Hawai'i; however, SB2676 will require adequate funding for these ambitious goals to be met. Please support SB2676 to begin to forge a sustainable Hawaii.

Thank you.

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/20/2018 11:16:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
keomailani von gogh	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

lets put the aina first!!

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 3:47:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Joan Gannon	Individual	Support	No	Ī

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 12:44:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 1:56:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel John	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 2:04:01 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josephine	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 6:29:04 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Karen M Kimbrell	Individual	Support	No	Ī

<u>SB-2676-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2018 6:31:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I support this bill to achieve sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Global Goal fifteen, life on land. Please see that it passes.

D. Piilani Kaopuiki 838 Hauoli Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:00 AM, Conference Room 211 SB 2676, SD1, Relating to Sustainable Development Goals

TESTIMONY

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

I strongly support SB 2676 SD1, which codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations Global fifteen, life on land.

Kudos to the introducers of this measure in declaring their commitment to undertake profound transformations in how human societies live on Earth, with particular attention to making our patterns of production and consumption more sustainable. The State of Hawaii must make sincere efforts in all ways to care for and nurture our aina as it will be our true resource for continuation of life in the these islands. We cannot expect offshore sustenance to provide for us forever. Life on land is not only for humans and houses. Life on land must be in respect to other life forms in thriving ecosystems.

All agencies sincerely taking action to achieve the sustainable development goal as a priority among competing demands for energy and resources will ensure our survival. Hopefully before 2030.

True aloha aina also means protecting our flora and fauna, as well as our marine life, from illegal taking. We must ensure adequate enforcement of our laws.

Integrating ecosystem and biodiversity values into state and local planning toward a healthy aina and a healthy society is a goal we must achieve for survival.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.