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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND
TECHNOLOGY

TESTIMONY ON SB 2678
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Room 414
1:25 pm

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President 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 2670, which would establish sustainable development goals relating to implementation goals.

This UN sustainability goal is a critical step towards the implementation of the remaining goals. The details of how goals can be achieved is difficult. This measure provides a roadmap of how the financial and other tools needed to realize the various goals. Responsible parties will need to be identified as each of these tasks will require significant efforts.

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



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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 SB2678 Relating to Sustainable Development Goals
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
5 February 2018, 1:25pm, Room 414

Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB2678 to adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law. As a statewide partnership, we recognize the critical importance of public-private partnerships and cross-sector collaboration in implementing sustainable development outcomes, as highlighted through SDG17. Even further, HGG recommends adopting the entire global framework with all 17 SDGs, as reflected in **SB2661**. 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'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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Comments	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), submits the following COMMENTS and PROPOSED AMENDMENT in support of the intent of SB 2678, codifying sustainable development goals based on the United Nations Global Goal seventeen, relating to strengthening implementation. LURF would respectfully RECOMMEND AMENDMENT of this measure to include this proposal in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, instead of HRS Chapter 344.

Also, LURF provides the following COMMENTS regarding the proposed addition of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan (2050 Plan). AT THIS TIME, it would be PREMATURE to add the goals of the 2050 Plan to SB 2678, because the 2050 Plan intentionally EXCLUDED sections on the important issues of “*Infrastructure*” and “*Education*” just due to the “lack of time;” and also did not include specific sections on “*Agriculture*” and “*Housing*.” Hopefully, this Committee would agree that “*Infrastructure*” issues (airports, harbors, highways, interisland and international transportation). “*Education*,” “*Agriculture*” and “*Housing*” are very important issues to include in the Hawaii 2050 Plan. LURF and its members generally support the goals of the 2050 Plan, however, it would strongly encourage reconvening a working group on the 2050 Plan to address these issues, prior to adding the goals of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in SB 2678.

Please feel free to contact David Arakawa, LURF Executive Director, if you have any questions.