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# 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  
2 Hawaii Commitments presented to the World Conservation Congress  
3 in 2016, that "[w]e must undertake profound transformations in  
4 how human societies live on Earth, with particular attention to  
5 making our patterns of production and consumption more  
6 sustainable. We must recognize that human health and wellbeing  
7 depend on healthy ecosystems. We must recognize that every form  
8 of life has value - regardless of its worth to humans." Hawaii  
9 has been a leader in conservation efforts for decades through  
10 its commitment to environmental and sustainability policies. In  
11 the 1970s, the State enacted the State Environmental Policy,  
12 chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a mechanism to set  
13 environmental goals. While comprehensive, it lacked measurable  
14 indicators and enforcement means. Our understanding of the  
15 challenges facing our natural environment worldwide has changed  
16 remarkably since the 1970s and the laws enacted in Hawaii in  
17 recent decades have served as a starlight for other



1 jurisdictions and set a global example on how to adopt policies  
2 on sustainability.

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

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

16 (1) Clean energy: Achieve seventy per cent clean energy,  
17 with forty per cent from renewables and thirty per  
18 cent from efficiency;

19 (2) Local food: At least double local food production for  
20 local consumption;



- 1           (3) Natural resource management: Reverse the trend of  
2           natural resource loss mauka to makai by increasing  
3           freshwater security, watershed protection, community-  
4           based marine management, invasive species control, and  
5           restoration of native species;
- 6           (4) Waste reduction: Reduce the solid waste stream prior  
7           to disposal by seventy per cent through source  
8           reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill  
9           diversion methods;
- 10          (5) Smart sustainable communities: Increase livability  
11          and resilience in the built environment through  
12          planning and implementation at the state and county  
13          levels; and
- 14          (6) Green workforce and education: Increase local green  
15          jobs and education to implement these goals.

16          To increase the efforts of the Aloha+ Challenge, the  
17          governor launched the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative in 2016,  
18          which includes five goals:

- 19          (1) Double local food production by 2020;
- 20          (2) Implement the State's interagency biosecurity plan by  
21          2027;



- 1 (3) Protect thirty per cent of the highest priority  
2 watersheds by 2030;
- 3 (4) Manage thirty per cent of nearshore ocean waters by  
4 2030; and
- 5 (5) Achieve one hundred per cent renewable energy in  
6 electricity by 2045.

7 In May of 2014, Hōkūle‘a began a three-year voyage across  
8 the world's oceans carrying the message of Mālama Honua - to  
9 care for the Earth. Building on the legacy of the Polynesian  
10 way finders, the Hōkūle‘a Worldwide Voyage inspired actions of  
11 conservation across the Hawaiian islands and beyond, resulting  
12 in the connection of a lei of aloha around the globe.

13 At the global level, the United Nations sustainable  
14 development goals, the Hawaii Commitments presented to the World  
15 Conservation Congress in 2016, and the Paris Climate Agreement  
16 have been adopted to guide global efforts. The sustainable  
17 development goals, otherwise known as the 2030 Agenda for  
18 Sustainable Development, which were born at the United Nations  
19 Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012,  
20 and came into force in 2015, are a universal call to action to  
21 end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people



1 enjoy peace and prosperity. The seventeen sustainable  
2 development goals are interconnected and work in the spirit of  
3 partnership and pragmatism to make the right choices now to  
4 improve life, in a sustainable way, for future generations.  
5 They provide a clear framework for action to guide countries in  
6 accordance with their own priorities and the environmental  
7 challenges of the world at large. They tackle the root causes  
8 of poverty and unite us to make a positive change for both  
9 people and planet.

10 Dealing with the threat of climate change impacts how we  
11 manage our fragile natural resources. Achieving gender equality  
12 and better health helps eradicate poverty, and fostering  
13 peaceful and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities and  
14 help economies prosper. The sustainable development goals are  
15 voluntary commitments to make the world a better and more  
16 prosperous place.

17 During September 2016, more than ten thousand leaders from  
18 government, civil society, indigenous communities, faith and  
19 spiritual traditions, the private sector, and academia gathered  
20 in Hawaii for a meeting of the International Union for  
21 Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress. Delegates



1 to the Congress adopted the Hawaii Commitments to achieve the  
2 transformation required to promote a "Culture of Conservation".  
3 The Hawaii Commitments consist of seven identified challenges  
4 and proposed solutions, including:

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

15 The Hawaii Commitments build on the Paris Climate Agreement and  
16 the sustainable development goals to allow different global  
17 voices to come together and find common ground in the spirit of  
18 partnership, collaboration, and sustainability.

19 In order for Hawaii to continue to serve as a starlight for  
20 the rest of the world in setting policies on sustainability and  
21 to serve as a global leader on issues of conservation and



1 sustainability, it is essential that the State demonstrate its  
2 full commitment to its own policies and goals, as well as the  
3 goals set on the international stage at United Nations  
4 conferences and summits on sustainability.

5 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to codify the State's  
6 commitment to conservation and sustainability within the Hawaii  
7 State Planning Act contained within the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

11 "§226- Sustainable development goals; strengthening  
12 implementation. In pursuance of the State's sustainability  
13 goals, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all agencies  
14 shall, insofar as practicable, take action to assist the State  
15 in strengthening the means of implementation of the sustainable  
16 development goals in this chapter by 2030 by:

- 17 (1) Building on the experience and resourcing strategies  
18 of partnerships to encourage and promote effective  
19 public, public-private, and civil society  
20 partnerships;



- 1        (2) Mobilizing additional financial resources from  
2        multiple sources in furtherance of the State's  
3        sustainability goals;
- 4        (3) Significantly increasing investment in conservation  
5        action from both public and private sector sources,  
6        pursuant to the World Conservation Congress Hawai'i  
7        Commitments of 2016;
- 8        (4) Enhancing cooperation on and access to science,  
9        technology, and innovation, and enhancing knowledge-  
10       sharing on mutually agreed terms;
- 11       (5) Promoting the development, transfer, dissemination,  
12       and diffusion of technology and innovation that are  
13       shown to promote environmental conservation and  
14       sustainability;
- 15       (6) Strengthening domestic resource mobilization to  
16       improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue  
17       collection;
- 18       (7) Enhancing statewide macroeconomic stability, including  
19       through policy coordination and policy coherence;
- 20       (8) Enhancing policy coherence for sustainable  
21       development;



- 1        (9) Respecting each agency's policy and leadership space  
2        in order to establish and implement policies for  
3        poverty eradication and sustainable development;  
4        (10) Enhancing capacity-building support to increase  
5        significantly the availability of high-quality,  
6        timely, and reliable data disaggregated by income,  
7        gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status,  
8        disability, geographic location, and other relevant  
9        characteristics; and  
10       (11) Building on existing initiatives to develop  
11       measurements of progress on sustainable development  
12       that complement gross domestic product.

13       §226- Sustainable development goals; industry,  
14       innovation, and infrastructure. In pursuance of the State's  
15       sustainability goals, and notwithstanding any law to the  
16       contrary, all agencies shall, insofar as practicable, take  
17       action to assist the State in achieving the sustainable  
18       development goal of building resilient infrastructure, promoting  
19       inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering  
20       innovation by 2030 by:



- 1        (1) Developing high quality, reliable, sustainable, and  
2        resilient infrastructure to support economic  
3        development and human well-being, with a focus on  
4        affordable and equitable access to infrastructure for  
5        all;
- 6        (2) Promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization  
7        and significantly raising industry's share of  
8        employment and gross domestic product;
- 9        (3) Increasing the access of small-scale industrial and  
10       other enterprises to financial services, including  
11       affordable credit, and their integration into value  
12       chains and markets;
- 13       (4) Upgrading and developing infrastructure and retrofit  
14       industries to make them sustainable, with increased  
15       resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean  
16       and environmentally sound technologies and industrial  
17       processes;
- 18       (5) Enhancing scientific research, upgrading the  
19       technological capabilities of industrial sectors  
20       statewide, including encouraging innovation, and  
21       substantially increasing the research and development



- 1           workforce and public and private research and  
2           development spending;
- 3           (6) Supporting local technology development, research, and  
4           innovation, including by ensuring a policy environment  
5           conducive to industrial diversification and value  
6           addition to commodities; and
- 7           (7) Significantly increasing access to information and  
8           communications technology for the State's residents  
9           and striving to provide universal and affordable  
10          access to the Internet.

11          §226-     Sustainable development goals; reducing  
12 inequalities. In pursuance of the State's sustainability goals,  
13 and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all agencies shall,  
14 insofar as practicable, take action to assist the State in  
15 achieving the sustainable development goal of reducing  
16 inequalities by 2030 by:

- 17          (1) Progressively achieving and sustaining income growth  
18             of the bottom forty per cent of the population at a  
19             rate higher than the national average;
- 20          (2) Empowering and promoting the social, economic, and  
21             political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex,



1           disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or  
2           economic or other status;

3           (3) Ensuring equal opportunity and reducing inequalities  
4           of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory  
5           laws, policies, and practices and promoting  
6           appropriate legislation, policies, and action in this  
7           regard;

8           (4) Adopting policies, especially fiscal, wage, and social  
9           protection policies, and progressively achieving  
10           greater equality; and

11           (5) Facilitating orderly, safe, regular, and responsible  
12           migration and mobility of people, including through  
13           the implementation of planned and well-managed  
14           migration policies.

15           §226- Sustainable development goals; peace, justice, and  
16           strong institutions. In pursuance of the State's sustainability  
17           goals, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all agencies  
18           shall, insofar as practicable, take action to assist the State  
19           in achieving the sustainable development goal of promoting  
20           peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development;  
21           providing access to justice for all; and building effective,



1 accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels by 2030

2 by:

3 (1) Significantly reducing all forms of violence and  
4 related death rates statewide;

5 (2) Ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms  
6 of violence against and torture of individuals;

7 (3) Promoting the rule of law at all levels and ensuring  
8 equal access to justice for all;

9 (4) Significantly reducing illicit financial and arms  
10 flows, strengthening the recovery and return of stolen  
11 assets, and combating all forms of organized crime;

12 (5) Substantially reducing corruption and bribery in all  
13 their forms;

14 (6) Developing effective, accountable, and transparent  
15 institutions at all levels;

16 (7) Ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory, and  
17 representative decision-making at all levels;

18 (8) Broadening and strengthening the participation of  
19 citizens in the institutions of state and local  
20 governance;



1        (9) Ensuring public access to information and protecting  
2        fundamental freedoms; and

3        (10) Strengthening relevant state institutions to prevent  
4        violence and combating terrorism and crime."

5        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112, and  
7 shall be repealed on June 30, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Sustainable Development Goals; Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; Reducing Inequalities; Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions; Strengthening Implementation

**Description:**

Codifies Sustainable Development Goals 9, 10, 16, and 17 based on the United Nations' Sustainability Development Guidelines and indicators. (SB2678 HD1)

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