
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING AND ADOPTING, AND URGING THE SEVERAL COUNTIES TO
ENDORSE AND USE, THE UNITED NATIONS SEVENTEEN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS COMPONENTS OF A FRAMEWORK FOR
ADDRESSING AND ASSESSING HAWAII'S EFFORTS TOWARD SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, in September 2015, the United Nations General
2 Assembly adopted the historic 2030 Development Agenda,
3 *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable*
4 *Development*, a comprehensive, creative, and courageous plan of
5 action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all
6 people enjoy peace and prosperity; and
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8 WHEREAS, the 2030 Development Agenda includes seventeen
9 sustainable development goals and one hundred sixty-nine
10 associated targets; and
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12 WHEREAS, the seventeen sustainable development goals are a
13 set of universal goals produced to meet the most urgent
14 environmental, political, and economic challenges of the world,
15 and build upon and replace the millennium development goals,
16 which started a global effort in 2000 to tackle the indignity of
17 poverty; and
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19 WHEREAS, the seventeen sustainable development goals are of
20 an unprecedented scope and significance based on intensive
21 public participation and multi-country consultations over two
22 years; and
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24 WHEREAS, global sustainable development cannot be realized
25 without peaceful, just, and inclusive societies that respect
26 human rights and the rule of law, and
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28 WHEREAS, the seventeen sustainable development goals
29 promote a transformative human rights-based development agenda
30 that pledges no one will be left behind; and
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32 WHEREAS, the seventeen sustainable development goals are:
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- 1 (1) No poverty;
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- 3 (2) Zero hunger;
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- 5 (3) Good health and well-being;
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- 7 (4) Quality education;
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- 9 (5) Gender equality;
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- 11 (6) Clean water and sanitation;
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- 13 (7) Affordable and clean energy;
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- 15 (8) Decent work and economic growth;
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- 17 (9) Industry, innovation, and infrastructure;
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- 19 (10) Reduced inequalities;
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- 21 (11) Sustainable cities and communities;
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- 23 (12) Responsible consumption and production;
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- 25 (13) Climate action;
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- 27 (14) Life below water;
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- 29 (15) Life on land;
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- 31 (16) Peace, justice, and strong institutions; and
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- 33 (17) Partnerships for the goals; and
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35 WHEREAS, the seventeen sustainable development goals
36 provide an agenda for grassroots and global action, and
37 individuals, communities, and states must generate the political
38 will necessary to achieve the goals; and

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40 WHEREAS, the world today has transformative social tools
41 and technology to achieve the sustainable development goals, and



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1 success will be based on broad participation by communities
2 across the globe; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is already involved in the campaign to
5 protect the planet and end poverty, and in December 2015, the
6 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference
7 included the premiere of a short video production created by
8 Hawaii youth about the seventeen sustainable development goals;
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11 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, college and community dialogues have
12 included discussions on the seventeen sustainable development
13 goals, and these conversations will continue to generate genuine
14 insight into how the goals are being realized in the Hawaiian
15 islands; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2017, that the Legislature engages, endorses, accepts, and
20 adopts the United Nations seventeen sustainable development
21 goals as components of a framework for addressing and assessing
22 Hawaii's efforts toward social justice and sustainability; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
25 county councils to endorse and use the United Nations seventeen
26 sustainable development goals as measurements for each county's
27 efforts regarding people, peace, and the planet; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
31 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the
32 United States House of Representatives, Secretary-General of the
33 United Nations, Executive Secretary of the United Nations
34 Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations High
35 Commissioner for Human Rights, Governor of the State of Hawaii,
36 each mayor of the several counties, each chairperson of the
37 several county councils, Attorney General, Chairperson of the
38 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of
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1 Health, Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety,
2 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
3 System, and President of the University of Hawaii System.
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