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S.C.R. NO. 162

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT CREATE A NOISE
ABATEMENT TASK FORCE TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION THROUGH
ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIED CONDITIONS, STATE LAWS, RULES,
REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS.

1 WHEREAS, from July 2005 to June 2006, there were 343
2 complaints about noise island-wide to the Department of Health,
3 an increase of 26 complaints from the previous fiscal year; and
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5 WHEREAS, as part of the increased development of Hawaii's
6 towns and cities, there has been an increase in noise pollution;
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9 WHEREAS, studies indicate that noise pollution has numerous
10 detrimental health effects, including: sleep disturbance
11 effects; cardiovascular and psychophysiological effects;
12 performance reduction effects; annoyance responses; and effects
13 on social behavior; and
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15 WHEREAS, as noise pollution increases within urban areas,
16 the occurrence of psychological and physiological effects on
17 surrounding residential communities are significant; and
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19 WHEREAS, rules, regulations, state laws and standards exist
20 for the purpose of reducing noise pollution; and
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22 WHEREAS, enforcement of rules, regulations, state laws and
23 standards concerning noise pollution has been uneven; and
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25 WHEREAS, an increased focus needs to be placed on the
26 enforcement of present rules, regulations, state laws and
27 standards that concern noise pollution in order to improve the
28 health and welfare of affected communities; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department, the Honolulu
31 Liquor Commission, the Hawaii Humane Society and other state and



1 local agencies are responsible for enforcement of rules,
2 regulations, state laws and standards governing noise pollution;
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5 WHEREAS, in November, 2006, the Honolulu Police Department
6 initiated a sweeping crackdown on dangerous drivers in a
7 campaign to reduce the number of speeding-related accidents and
8 fatalities; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Liquor
11 Commission, Hawaii Humane Society and other state and local
12 agencies responsible for noise pollution enforcement should
13 adopt policies to strictly enforce noise pollution regulations,
14 rules, state laws and standards; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police
19 Department is requested to create a noise abatement task force,
20 similar to the speed enforcement task force established in
21 November of 2006, to reduce noise pollution through enforcement
22 of specified conditions, rules, regulations, state laws and
23 standards; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Liquor Commission
26 and Hawaii Humane Society are requested to adopt policies to
27 strictly enforce noise pollution regulations, rules, state laws
28 and standards; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Honolulu Police
32 Department, the Honolulu Liquor Commission, and the Hawaii
33 Humane Society.
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