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From: Louishagler@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 6:47 AM
To: EEPtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Gentlemen:

I wish to comment on HB 3001, Relating to Noise, that will be considered by your Committee on February 12, 2008, at 8:55 AM.

I am a retired physician with an interest in the public health effects of noise. Having visited Hawaii and appreciating its natural beauty, I am writing to urge passage of HB 3001. The beauty of Hawaii requires protection from pollution of all types.

Noise is one of the most widespread and least controlled environmental pollutants. Many seem to have accepted noise as an inevitable part of modern life. Currently, the threat to health and well being that noise pollution represents is largely ignored, much as threats from other environmental pollutants such as, lead, mercury, asbestos, and tobacco smoke were ignored in the past.

Among its many adverse effects, noise damages hearing, disturbs communication, disrupts sleep, impairs cardiovascular function, interferes with teaching and learning, reduces productivity, harms relationships, provokes unwanted behaviors, and increases accidents. It is a major source of recurring and often unrecognized stress, which, itself, degrades the quality of life and adversely affects health.

Noise pollution accompanies human activity. Population growth, urbanization, and technology all contribute to environmental noise pollution, which makes our cities more stressful and less healthy places. Those who are ignorant of - or unconcerned about - its effects add to the din. Some current noise results from the loss of civility and the lack of concern for the rights of others that pervade our society. Irrespective of the source, we need to reduce the growing exposure to ever louder levels of noise. As a society, we need to "turn down the volume."

Much of the noise to which we are exposed is unwanted and unnecessary. Most of it serves no useful societal purpose. I have recently published an article on the adverse health effects noise pollution that covers this subject in greater detail. It can be seen in its entirety at <http://www.nonoise.org/library/smj/smj.htm>

Citizens need and want respite from noise. They look to the government for protection from this form of pollution, just as they look to the government for protection from many other pollutants. I would remind you that "domestic tranquility" is one of the six guarantees in the United States Constitution. Passage of this measure would agree with the principles laid down by the founding fathers, add immeasurably to the health and quality of life of citizens, support the wishes of most, and harm no one.

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Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Noise Victims.

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Support of HB 3001, Relating to Noise

The Superferry at pier 19 in Honolulu has on board the vessel several extremely noisy generators. Repeated requests for a permanent solution to the noise nuisance has been ignored by the Superferry. Requests to DOH, DOT, Harbors and Gov. Lingle have all been dismissed as well. The never ending generator noise is very low frequency so it travels far. The noise is causing sleep deprivation and it is increasing the risk for other health related problems. No one is willing to take responsibility and no one is stepping up the effort to provide a solution to this environmental nuisance. It is frustrating that vessels docked at State harbors are allowed to generate noise pollution and violate another's right to peace and enjoyment of their home and there is nothing the victim can do about it. This is why we urge the committee to pass HB 3001. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: Beverly Kalani [kulalanifarm@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:10 AM
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Subject: HB3001

RE: Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Date: Tuesday, Feb 12, 2008
Time: 8:55 AM
Place: Conference Room 312
HB3001 Relating to Noise

Testifer's Name: Beverly Kalani PO Box 2039 Honokaa, HI 96727

I have had the flu bad for several days, so am hoping you will accept this even though it is 45 minutes late.

We live in a rural Ag zoned neighborhood in Paauilo Mauka. There are neighbors in the area that create continual noise seven days a week. We accept the noise created by their trucking business as we knew that before moving in.

The kids run motorcycles, atv's and those loud whining dirt bikes up and down the pastures all day long when they are home from school and until almost 11PM this past Sat night.

They also have a extremely loud race car which they rev up and that really scares the animals.

Same people display a huge, loud illegal fireworks display on the 4th of July and New Years. It is so extreme that people have to remove their horses from the property and find a place to board them until it is over....it doesn't seem fair that we should have to pay the price for their actions. Last year our horse was so frightened, she actually ran through the stall door and into our yard. That incident was before the 4th of July and we hadn't even had time to remove them yet. Typically we have to take them away for four days and then it doesn't even cover the outbreak of fireworks.

So far, no public office here seems interested in changing the law regarding excessive noise.

We purchased land in this area so we could raise our animals where they would hopefully be safe and productive, but this whole situation has only resulted in bad feelings and vet bills to name a few.

Thanks so much for reviewing this comment.

Beverly Kalani