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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A LEGISLATIVE NOISE POLLUTION TASK FORCE TO REVIEW
BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER STATES IN REDUCING URBAN NOISE
POLLUTION.

1 WHEREAS, the traditional definition of noise is "unwanted
2 or disturbing sound", which becomes unwanted when it either
3 interferes with normal activities such as sleeping,
4 conversation, or disrupts or diminishes one's quality of life;
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7 WHEREAS, the fact that you cannot see, taste, or smell
8 noise may help explain why it has not received as much attention
9 as other types of pollution, such as air pollution, or water
10 pollution; and

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12 WHEREAS, yet, noise pollution can have major consequences,
13 primarily to a person's overall health; and

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15 WHEREAS, studies have shown that there are direct links
16 between noise and health and problems related to noise including
17 stress related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech
18 interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost
19 productivity; and

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21 WHEREAS, noise induced hearing loss is the most common and
22 often discussed health effect, but research has shown that
23 exposure to constant or high levels of noise can cause countless
24 adverse health effects; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that there is convened a
29 Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force to review best practices
30 from other states in reducing noise pollution; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of
2 representatives from the:

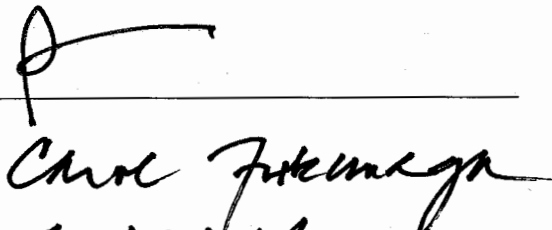
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4 (1) Department of Health, Noise and Sanitation Branch;
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6 (2) Honolulu Police Department;
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8 (3) Honolulu Liquor Commission;
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10 (4) Public Utilities Commission;
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12 (5) Interested members of Oahu Neighborhood Boards,
13 interested community members, and other affected
14 groups; and
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16 (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high
17 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed
18 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force focus on but not
22 be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle, motor scooter,
23 and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and stereo or other
24 audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force report its
27 findings and recommendations to address excessive and disturbing
28 noise levels to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
29 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Health,
33 Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Liquor Commission, Public
34 Utilities Commission, and Oahu Neighborhood Boards.
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