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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 or  
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 or water pollution; and  
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11           WHEREAS, noise pollution can have major consequences,  
12 primarily to a person's overall health; and  
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14           WHEREAS, studies have shown that there are direct links  
15 between noise and health, and problems related to noise  
16 including stress related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech  
17 interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost  
18 productivity; and  
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20           WHEREAS, noise-induced hearing loss is the most common and  
21 commonly-discussed health effect, but research has shown that  
22 exposure to constant or high levels of noise can cause countless  
23 adverse health effects; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that there is convened a  
28 Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force (Task Force) to review  
29 best practices from other states in reducing noise pollution;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
2 consist of:

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- 4 (1) One member from the Department of Health, Indoor and  
5 Radiological Health Branch;  
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- 7 (2) One member from the Honolulu Police Department;  
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- 9 (3) One member from the Honolulu Liquor Commission;  
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- 11 (4) One member from each of the following Oahu  
12 neighborhood boards:  
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- 14 (A) McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8;  
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- 16 (B) Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9;  
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- 18 (C) Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood  
19 Board No. 10;  
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- 21 (D) Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;  
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- 23 (E) Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;  
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- 25 (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;  
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- 27 (G) Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights  
28 Neighborhood Board No. 14; and  
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- 30 (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and  
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- 32 (5) Legislators representing urban communities with high  
33 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed  
34 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
35 House of Representatives;  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and  
40 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly  
41 designate a Chairperson from the members of the Task Force; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
2 focus on, but not be limited to, noise pollution from  
3 motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal  
4 vehicles, and stereo or other audio equipment in passenger  
5 vehicles; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Task  
8 Force provide the findings and recommendations of the Task Force  
9 to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) for final drafting by  
10 November 1, 2010, and LRB is requested to report the Task  
11 Force's findings and recommendations to address excessive and  
12 disturbing noise levels to the Legislature no later than 20 days  
13 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
17 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Chief of the  
18 Honolulu Police Department, Chairperson of the Honolulu Liquor  
19 Commission, Chairperson of the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood  
20 Board No. 8, Chairperson of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No.  
21 9, Chairperson of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus  
22 Neighborhood Board No. 10, Chairperson of the Ala Moana/Kakaako  
23 Neighborhood Board No. 11, Chairperson of the Nuuanu/Punchbowl  
24 Neighborhood Board No. 12, Chairperson of the Downtown  
25 Neighborhood Board No. 13, Chairperson of the  
26 Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No.  
27 14, and Chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.  
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