
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, 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 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 the Public Utilities Commission;
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- 13 (5) One member from each of the following Oahu
14 neighborhood boards:
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- 16 (A) McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8;
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- 18 (B) Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9;
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- 20 (C) Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood
21 Board No. 10;
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- 23 (D) Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;
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- 25 (E) Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;
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- 27 (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;
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- 29 (G) Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights
30 Neighborhood Board No. 14; and
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- 32 (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and
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- 34 (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high
35 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed
36 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
37 House of Representatives; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
40 focus on but not be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle,
41 motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and
42 stereo or other audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is requested to report the Task Force's findings and
3 recommendations to address excessive and disturbing noise levels
4 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
5 convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
9 the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, the Senate
10 President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
11 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chief of the
12 Honolulu Police Department, the Chairperson of the Honolulu
13 Liquor Commission, the Chairperson of the McCully-Moiliili
14 Neighborhood Board No. 8, the Chairperson of the Waikiki
15 Neighborhood Board No. 9, the Chairperson of the Makiki/Lower
16 Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10, the Chairperson of
17 the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11, the Chairperson
18 of the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, the
19 Chairperson of the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13, the
20 Chairperson of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights
21 Neighborhood Board No. 14, and the Chairperson of the Kalihi-
22 Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15.

