
SENATE 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,
28 that there is convened a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force
29 to review best practices from other states in reducing noise
30 pollution; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
33 consist of:
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- 1 (1) One member from the Department of Health, Indoor and
2 Radiological Health Branch;
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- 4 (2) One member from the Honolulu Police Department;
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- 6 (3) One member from the Honolulu Liquor Commission;
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- 8 (4) One member from the Public Utilities Commission;
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- 10 (5) One member from each of the following Oahu
11 neighborhood boards:
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 - 13 (A) McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8;
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 - 15 (B) Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9;
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 - 17 (C) Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood
18 Board No. 10;
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 - 20 (D) Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;
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 - 22 (E) Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;
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 - 24 (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;
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 - 26 (G) Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights
27 Neighborhood Board No. 14; and
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 - 29 (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and
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- 31 (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high
32 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed
33 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
34 House of Representatives; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
37 focus on but not be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle,
38 motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and
39 stereo or other audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
42 Bureau is requested to report the Task Force's findings and
43 recommendations to address excessive and disturbing noise levels



1 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
2 convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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

