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Testimony for Senate Committees on Environment and Health

Testimony in Support of SCR 183 and SR 84

Dear Chairs Gabbard and Ige, Vice Chairs English and Green:

I am writing in support of SCR 183 and SR 84, convening a legislative noise pollution task force to review best practices from other states in reducing urban noise pollution.

In urban Honolulu, where we have many mixed use neighborhoods (residential / commercial) noise pollution is an extremely frustrating and often health affecting issue for residents. The problem occurs in neighborhoods that are only residential, too. In condominium communities, where noise reverberates between buildings, beginning early in the morning, citizens are wakened by metal on metal crashing of trash collection. Without regulation, disposal companies may pick up any time they please and other businesses conduct their activities from dawn to dusk. Some residents are wakened at four or five in the morning seven days a week.

On Weekends and holidays, returning to sleep may be difficult as loud noise continues throughout the morning and continues all day into the evening. Loud car mufflers, back up beepers, motorcycles and mopeds, boom radios, leaf blowers, weed whackers, lawn mowers, construction equipment and other noise sources effect the health, well being and peace of mind of many residents.

At present, citizens are helpless against life disrupting noise. Intrusive noise prevents citizens from relaxing on weekends and holidays. During the week, returning home from work, relaxing is impossible as noise continues into the evening, only to return early the next morning as trash is picked up.

Other cities have developed regulations to reduce noise pollution. Hawaii's citizens should be protected from noise, as well. I strongly support the development of regulations or other solutions to the noise pollution problem that is common throughout Honolulu.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Testimony in Support of SCR 183 and SR 84

Dear Chairs Gabbard and Ige, Vice Chairs English and Green, I am writing in support of SCR 183 and SR 84, convening a legislative noise pollution task force to review best practices from other states in reducing urban noise pollution. In urban Honolulu, where we have many mixed use (residential/commercial) neighborhoods, noise pollution is an extremely frustrating issue for many residents. On a daily basis, we are assaulted by early morning trash collection (prior to 6AM), loud mufflers on motorcycles and mopeds, we strongly support development of solutions contribute to the noise pollution that is common in our neighborhood,

Furthermore, the excessive noise of some vehicles often sets off the car alarms of parked cars during the night.

I ask for your support of these measures so that we may explore options to address noise pollution in our neighborhoods.

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