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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Tourism is Hawaii's most important industry and  
2 the most critical to the economic growth and standard of living  
3 enjoyed by many of Hawaii's residents. On average, Hawaii hosts  
4 over six million visitors annually that account for over  
5 \$10,000,000,000 dollars in annual revenue. While economic  
6 diversification has been promoted and continues to show  
7 promising growth, dependence on activities generated by the  
8 visitor industry will affect Hawaii's economy for years to come.

9           Therefore, the legislature finds that it is imperative that  
10 disruptions to the visitor industry such as those experienced by  
11 visitors during recent labor disputes in the hotel industry be  
12 minimized to the greatest extent possible. Preserving the  
13 reputation of Hawaii as a pleasant and peaceful vacation  
14 destination will ultimately work toward sustaining the State's  
15 tourism industry, the engine that drives Hawaii's economy, and  
16 is in the State's best interest.

17           The purpose of this Act is to limit noise disruptions  
18 around visitor accommodations resulting from picketing.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§342F- Picketing; restrictions. (a) It shall be  
5 unlawful for any person or persons to make or to use a sound  
6 generating device that emits a noise that is audible at a  
7 distance of one hundred feet while picketing within fifty feet  
8 of any hotel premises in the state, except between the hours of  
9 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday or a state or  
10 federal holiday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00  
11 p.m. on Sunday or any state or federal holiday.

12 (b) Violators shall be fined \$50 for the first violation,  
13 \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third violation, and  
14 \$500 for each subsequent violation.

15 (c) As used in this section:

16 "Hotel" means any building or portion thereof or buildings  
17 containing more than nine rooming units, in which space is let  
18 by the owner or operator to six or more unrelated persons.

19 "Sound generating device" means any device used to emit  
20 sound, including drums, cans, bells, horns, and loudspeakers.

21 "State holiday" means any day established as a state  
22 holiday in section 8-1."



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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Noise Pollution; Picketing; Restrictions

**Description:**

Prohibits the use of sound generating devices while picketing hotels. Establishes specific times when prohibition will be applicable. Establishes fines for violations.

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