
HOUSE 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 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 House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2011, that the Director of Health is requested to convene a
29 Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force to review best practices
30 from other states in reducing noise 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/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10;

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19 (D) Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;

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21 (E) Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;

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23 (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;

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25 (G) Liliha/Kapalama Neighborhood Board No. 14; and

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27 (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and

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29 (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high
30 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed
31 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
32 House of Representatives; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
35 focus on but not be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle,
36 motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and
37 stereo or other audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
40 Bureau shall assist the Task Force with drafting legislation, if
41 any, which the Task Force deems necessary, as a result of its
42 findings and recommendations regarding the best practices in
43 reducing noise pollution to address excessive and disturbing
44 noise levels; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
 3 report its findings on best practices from other states in
 4 reducing noise pollution and its findings and recommendations to
 5 address excessive and disturbing noise levels to the Legislature
 6 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 7 Session of 2012; and

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

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