
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STUDY AND ADOPTION OF A 95-DECIBEL LIMIT TO
MEASURE MUFFLER AND VEHICULAR NOISE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a growing number of automobiles and other
2 vehicles traveling in urban neighborhoods and our roads; and

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4 WHEREAS, while many of these vehicles operate efficiently,
5 some contribute to noise pollution with noisy mufflers and other
6 vehicular noise; and

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8 WHEREAS, in trying to address the many complaints from
9 urban Honolulu residents about noisy mufflers, the State faces
10 challenges in establishing rules to measure muffler noise, and
11 regulating noisy vehicle mufflers; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) currently
14 does not have rules to measure muffler noise; and

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16 WHEREAS, in preparation of adopting noise regulations for
17 vehicles, DOT can study California's decibel standard from the
18 Society of Automotive Engineers International, which is a global
19 association of more than 128,000 engineers and related technical
20 experts in such fields as automotive and commercial-vehicle
21 industries; and

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23 WHEREAS, California has adopted the Society of Automotive
24 Engineers standard of a 95-decibel limit, which is a loudness
25 comparable to a subway train from 200 feet away; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2011, that DOT is requested to study and adopt the Society of
30 Automotive Engineers standard of a 95-decibel limit to measure
31 muffler and other vehicular noise; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT report to the Legislature
2 its findings and recommendations and progress in adopting noise
3 regulations for vehicles no later than 20 days prior to the
4 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the
8 Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and the
9 President of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association.

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