
SENATE CONCURRENT 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 or
4 conversation, or disrupts or diminishes one's quality of life;
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7 WHEREAS, the fact that noise cannot be seen, tasted, or
8 smelled may help explain why it has not received as much
9 attention as other types of pollution, such as air pollution, or
10 water 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 certain health problems, 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 numerous
24 adverse health effects; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
29 is requested to convene a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force
30 to review best practices from other states in reducing noise
31 pollution; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
2 consist of:

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

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
44 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force with drafting



1 legislation, if any, that the Task Force deems necessary, as a
2 result of its findings and recommendations regarding the best
3 practices in reducing noise pollution to address excessive and
4 disturbing noise levels; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
7 report its findings on best practices from other states in
8 reducing noise pollution and its findings and recommendations to
9 address excessive and disturbing noise levels to the Legislature
10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
11 Session of 2012; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President,
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Director of Health,
16 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Director of the
17 Legislative Reference Bureau, Chief of the Honolulu Police
18 Department, Chairperson of the Honolulu Liquor Commission,
19 Chairperson of the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8,
20 Chairperson of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9, Chairperson
21 of the Makiki-Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10, Chairperson of
22 the Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11, Chairperson of
23 the Nuuanu-Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, Chairperson of
24 the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13, Chairperson of the
25 Liliha-Kapalama Neighborhood Board No. 14, and Chairperson of
26 the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15.
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