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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
28 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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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to report its findings on best practices from other states in reducing noise pollution and its findings and recommendations to address excessive and disturbing noise levels to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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

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