
SENATE 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,
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
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- (1) One member from the Department of Health, Indoor and Radiological Health Branch;
- (2) One member from the Honolulu Police Department;
- (3) One member from the Honolulu Liquor Commission;
- (4) One member from the Public Utilities Commission;
- (5) One member from each of the following Oahu neighborhood boards:
 - (A) McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8;
 - (B) Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9;
 - (C) Makiki-Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10;
 - (D) Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;
 - (E) Nuuanu-Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;
 - (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;
 - (G) Liliha-Kapalama Neighborhood Board No. 14; and
 - (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and
- (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force with drafting legislation, if any, that the Task Force deems necessary, as a result of its findings and recommendations regarding the best

1 practices in reducing noise pollution to address excessive and
2 disturbing noise levels; and

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

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

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