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February 4, 2011

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: House Bill No. 1178, Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department supports H.B. No. 1178. The Law Enforcement frequently receives public nuisance calls for service for excessive amplified music in neighborhoods and public parks. Most of those vehicles have aftermarket audio equipment. This bill will address the installation of aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment by prohibiting excessive sound amplification.

I recommend raising the minimum fine of \$25 to an amount that would indicate that the abuse of such equipment is a real problem in our communities.

The Maui Police Department asks for your support on H.B. No. 1178.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police

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The State of Hawaii
Attn.: House of Representatives
Twenty Sixth Legislature, 2011

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you today to register my **opposition to the proposed House Bill 1178 (Amended Chapter 291)** in which aftermarket audio equipment in a vehicle is the focus.

I am a consultant in the Automotive and Consumer Electronics industries with clientele in Hawaii engaged in the retail sales and installation of aftermarket audio equipment. I am writing this opposition in support of their interests, as well as for the general consumer of cars and their audio system choices.

This proposed amendment is inaccurate and unfair for a number of technical and fair trade practice reasons.

From a technical perspective, here are just a few of the issues with the proposed amendment:

- 1) The subsection 1 of Chapter 291 amendment describes not more than five or more speakers installed in the passenger compartment. The problem with that is that many new vehicles (even vehicles manufactured 5-6 years or more ago) have more than that number of speakers as part of the original equipment in the passenger compartment. When inevitable replacements are necessary, particularly considering the island/salt air and humidity, many consumers will look to seek replacement in the aftermarket. Simply replacing all of the speakers in a vehicle that has more than the number suggested in this amendment would make that a violation and that's ludicrous. The same concern applies in cases of damage or theft where replacement (often using aftermarket equivalents) is common.
- 2) Also related to the subsection 1 of Chapter 291 amendment is the suggestion that subwoofers can't be part of the five speakers installed in the passenger compartment. Many vehicles already have subwoofers from the factory and if these items are to be replaced with factory equivalents in any case (wear/tear, damage, theft, etc.), then this section would prohibit the replacement of that particular speaker because it is a subwoofer. Almost every BMW these days (7 series since 2002, for example) has two 8" subwoofers as factory installed equipment directly under the front driver and passenger seats. Under this suggested amendment, The State of Hawaii would be suggesting these could not be replaced with an aftermarket equivalent JUST BECAUSE it's a subwoofer.
- 3) The subsection 2 of Chapter 291 amendment suggests no speaker shall be installed/possessed/operate that "is exceeding one hundred watts of power output". While this might be intended to limit amplified sound, the context of 100 watts as a speaker's output is completely incorrect as well as creates an erroneous basis for measuring that if it WAS to be finally worded that way. Speakers only have input power, their output is measured in relative sound pressure levels (decibels or dB abbreviated) and so the technical accuracy of this subsection is completely called into question with regard to how it would be interpreted/analyzed/enforced.
- 4) Also related to the subsection 2 of Chapter 291 amendment is the existing ordinance on the books in Honolulu (Sec 41-31.1) where it makes it unlawful to play the vehicle's audio system where it is audible from a distance of 30 feet away. While it does not indicate a threshold of a decibel reading to identify the reference point of "audible", the distance of 30 feet is at least a

more conceptually accepted idea of the whole intent behind any law relating to sound systems – which is not to excessively disturb the public. Truth be told, while this proposed amended bill paints amplified subwoofers as the villain, disturbing the peace could easily be done (from an audio perspective) with high frequency speakers well below 100 watts of input power as human hearing is much more sensitive in the 1kHz-5kHz range. There are simply too many technical holes in the reference to any kind of power versus frequency bandwidth versus speaker size if the disturbance of the peace is what you are trying to achieve with such a proposal.

- 5) The subsection 3 of Chapter 291 says “any speaker exceeding six and one-half inches in width or height” would be in violation, but once again this conflicts with many of the speaker sizes contained in vehicles on the road right now that – even if not exceeding five speakers total – still would need a direct replacement that, from the factory, exceeds 6.5”. Take a common vehicle like a 2007-2011 Chevy Tahoe/Suburban in which the front door speaker is a 7.25” diameter speaker with integrated mounting bracket from the factory. How would someone legally get a direct aftermarket replacement for this under the conditions of this proposed amendment and still not have issues with the dealership honoring any balance of factory or extended warranty because the speaker used for replacement was not a factory equivalent? There are numerous older vehicles with 4x10” oval speakers that need replacement and aftermarket is the only choice for them (because they are beyond warranty periods). Finally, a 6x8” oval speaker is a very common size for Ford and Mazda vehicles and the aftermarket replacement is either a 6x8” or 6x9” – both of which would fall in as violations under this proposal and again conflict with a dealership possibly not honoring any applied warranty on other parts of the sound system because speakers were changed outside of their factory equivalent replacement.
- 6) The subsection 4 of Chapter 291 says “any speaker installed external to the passenger compartment or in an open hatch back” where there is no significant indication if the trunk or storage areas of the vehicle are considered as the passenger compartment or not. The loose interpretation of this could mean that someone putting their iPod in the trunk of the car with a small speaker connected could (technically) be in violation since the amendment begins to include “or digital music device other than the original equipment”. What about vehicles in which the speaker(s) are not installed in the passenger compartment, but are also not coupled to the outside environment – such as in a closed, sealed trunk and intended to emanate into the passenger compartment through one or more openings that allow the passage of sound.
- 7) Also related to the subsection 4 of Chapter 291, the amendment does not have any consideration for convertible top or open vehicles (like Jeeps or Cadillac Escalade EXT/Chevy Avalanche) in which the passenger compartment when opened IS part of the outside environment. The conflicts of wording in this proposed amendment actually do not simply indicate the intent to avoid disturbance of the peace by a tangible measure, but instead inaccurately attempt to lump all vehicle types into one category. There are numerous potential failures with enforcement based on this.
- 8) In the subsection notes of page 2 of HB 1178 amendment (lines 9-11) it indicates a subwoofer means a complete loudspeaker dedicated to the reproduction of low-pitched audio frequencies, but it does not indicate the relative amplitude of those frequencies with other speakers in the vehicle, nor does it specify an applied bandwidth of audio frequencies in which the terminology “low-pitched” would apply. There is an awful lot of room here for interpretation and from a technical perspective, there are many devices in the marketplace that would disturb the peace and still not necessarily be considered a subwoofer. The reality is that you can’t blanket ban all speakers that reproduce low frequencies in a car because, even with filters applied, speakers still reproduce frequencies across a wide spectrum of their operational capacity. Your intent to reduce the disturbance of the peace is misguided by trying to regulate and ban the use of subwoofers, particularly because so many newer vehicles already come with these “dedicated loudspeakers” installed from the factory.

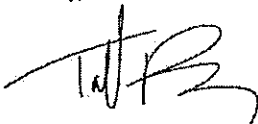
From a fair trade practices perspective, here are a few thoughts:

- 1) By limiting aftermarket sound system equipment in a vehicle as proposed AND documenting the facts that vehicles are available today, from new car dealerships, with sound system components that exceed the proposed limitations, The State of Hawaii would literally be creating a situation in which the fair trade of audio components intended for use and installation in cars is unbalanced to provide preference only to new car dealers IF a consumer wishes to have an audio system with more than five speakers, with a subwoofer, or with more than 100 watts of power delivered to any single speaker. It sends a message to consumers that the only choice they have if they are in Hawaii is to purchase this as factory installed equipment from a car dealer and nowhere else (which would be considered "The Aftermarket").
- 2) By limiting the amplified sound systems to (as erroneous as it is) 100 watts per speaker, you unfairly discriminate against the many companies who do business with consumers and retail shops in Hawaii who happen to sell amplifiers greater than 100 watts of output power per channel. This does not even consider how you would classify the 100 watts (whether peak or RMS voltage values were used to compute that power figure). You also unfairly discriminate against companies who may provide power handling ratings on their speakers in excess of 100 watts because, even if the consumer does not understand that "power handling" is different than "power applied", they may simply see rating numbers over 100 watts and choose not to purchase certain brands/models of speakers and/or amplifiers based on fears of violation even if they never have the intent or predisposition to disturb the peace.
- 3) By severely limiting consumer choice and options with their aftermarket vehicle sound systems, The State of Hawaii unfairly creates financial hardships for the many of the tax-paying retail installation businesses engaged in the sale and installation of aftermarket sound system components, including the many dedicated employees and their families who depend on that installation revenue for their households. The vast majority of the work these shops and installation technicians do is not engaged in creating instances for disturbance of the peace and you'd be unfairly discriminating on the entire ecosystem of retailers and installers in Hawaii for the past actions of a small few overzealous enthusiasts who actually have disturbed the peace.

I strongly urge you to reject this amendment and any other proposals that attempt to specify a corrective action of disturbing the peace by implementing such ludicrous restrictions as dictating size and number of speakers in a vehicle where, clearly, the aftermarket would not be afforded the same market opportunities for enhancements and replacements as exist with equipment that is factory installed in so many of today's vehicles.

If you have any questions regarding the technical validity of these specific amendments, as an industry subject matter expert in this area, I would be happy to elaborate on the shortcomings of this amendment. Please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Listen to the Future

February 8, 2011

House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth Legislature, 2011
State of Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern,

We at Kenwood USA Corporation received a copy of H.B.1178 (relating to vehicle audio equipment) and are extremely concerned over the restrictions on the installation of aftermarket car audio products outlined in the bill. While the intentions of the bill might be to limit the disruptive operation of such aftermarket equipment by a small minority of users, we believe the negative consequences of the bill would be excessive.

The arbitrary restrictions placed on the installation of aftermarket car audio products at a time of economic recession are puzzling given the fact that most car audio merchants are small business entrepreneurs employing hundreds of tax-paying Hawaii citizens. Enforcement of this bill will put dozens of entrepreneurs out of business in a discriminatory manner at a time where state government should be supporting the preservation of jobs.

Aftermarket car audio products are legally available for purchase by consumers, a vast majority of which use these products in a responsible and legal manner. H.B.1178 effectively bans an entire category of legally available aftermarket product and destroys the livelihoods of people who have committed no crime. If the Hawaii House of Representatives wishes to curb excessive noise from car audio systems, it can encourage the enforcement of existing noise abatement statutes instead of penalizing all Hawaii consumers for the bad behavior of a relative few.

We strongly encourage the rejection of H.B.1178. Thank you for your attention.

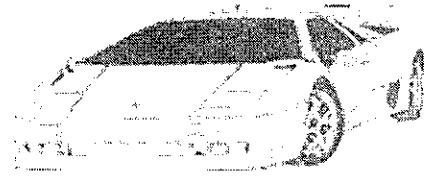
Respectfully,
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February 7, 2011

To Representative Marcus Oshiro
and the House of Representative members,

It has just come to my attention that there is a bill (H.B. 1178) that will drastically affect my business here in Hawaii. HB 1178 tries to address the concern of excessive noise from vehicles, which I believe is already addressed through an existing law regarding excessive sound coming from 25 feet of said vehicle.

To limit the sale or installation of certain car audio products by size or quantity will affect the entire Hawaii car audio industry. Just for your information, under HB 1178: (1) most vehicles contain more than 5 speakers from the factory (2 tweeters up front, 2 midbass up front, 2 rear speakers, 1 or possibly 2 subwoofers), are we not able to upgrade or replace these when they go bad; (2) a speaker does not exceed one hundred watts of power output, a speaker handles power from an amplifier; (3) limiting the size of a speaker to 6 1/2" in size: many original speakers in vehicles (6 x 9", 8" subwoofers) would not be able to be replaced or upgraded.

I believe this bill is targeting excessive noise from vehicles and this bill is trying to tackle it in the wrong way. You don't tackle the speeding issue by denying the sale or installation of aftermarket performance auto parts, you don't tackle a neighbors noise complaint of loud music by prohibiting the sale or possession of how many or how large a home audio speaker can be.

I ask that you and the other members of Hawaii's House of Representative's vote NO on HB 1178, Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment.

Thank you,

Car Tunes

Owner, Richy Asasaki

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From: Jassa Langford [jassa@ddaudio.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:28 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Banning Music

Dear Sirs,

As a former student of UH, and currently the owner of DIGITAL DESIGNS, an American made speaker company, I urge you to focus on those persons who choose not to respect their fellow citizens by playing their music too loud.

While this element does disrupt their surrounding area, our business is built on providing music enthusiasts with high quality sound within the vehicle. There are 1000s of enthusiasts who pass by daily without disturbing anyone, and you will in effect be banning the enjoyment of music for the masses.

Please focus on the few who show lack of respect, these drivers are not hard to find, and they can be easily finned for excessive noise.

Banning music will not get the desired results, it will only open up a never ending litigation stream for years to come. There are noise laws on the books in countless communities, easy to enforce, and effective.

Jassa Langford

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:15 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: powermaster@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

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Testifier will be present: Yes
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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

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ELECTRONICS

February 7, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I received a copy of proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment" which is scheduled to be reviewed by the Hawaii House Committee on Transportation. I represent *Mobile Electronics* magazine, a 25-year-old publication whose main purpose is to inform, educate and enhance the professionalism and business practices of retailers that sell aftermarket entertainment, information, security and safety products.

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components. If you visit any automaker's Website that promotes either luxury automobiles or entry level vehicles aimed at a youth market, you will find a substantial amount of marketing allocated to the audio system. Many of these systems boast power handling capacity in the hundreds of watts and subwoofers eight inches and larger. In fact, many of the amplifiers, subwoofers and speakers used are created by aftermarket companies. These systems share some of the same capability to be played as loudly as an aftermarket system.

In addition, there is a misnomer on the part of the proposed legislation's author that large speakers and powerful amplifiers serve solely to create mind-numbing bass that disturbs the public. In fact, the purpose of these devices is to enhance the richness and reproduction of sound at normal levels. If you were to turn up the sound on a low-end factory system to a decent listening level, the noise and distortion you hear results from the built-in amplifier being unable to provide a quality signal to the speakers. This problem is fixed by adding an amplifier, which allows the speakers to reproduce sound more efficiently. It's the same premise as adding more memory to a computer to get it to perform routine tasks more efficiently.

Aftermarket audio equipment is painstakingly designed to enhance and enrich the audio experience in the vehicle. Millions of dollars each year are spent on amplifier and speaker design, system research and more efficient means to integrate these devices with factory equipment. To discard the true purpose of these products, and in essence define them as products built simply to annoy others, is absurd, as is any law that serves to make this distinction. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal on the grounds that it also discriminates against many highly trained, professional, tax-paying business owners in your state who gainfully employ your citizens and are active, positive participants in their respective communities.

Sincerely,



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Editor-in-Chief
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POWERBASS USA, INC.

TO: House Transportation Committee
FROM: Vincent De Stefano
Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing
Powerbass USA, Inc.
DATE: 2-7-11
RE: House Bill 1178

Dear House Transportation Committee,

I am writing regarding proposed House Bill 1178 on behalf of Powerbass USA, Inc. The proposed bill would be detrimental to the aftermarket retailers and distributors in Hawaii as well as the manufacturers that currently sell product in Hawaii.

The proposed bill would take away individuals opportunity to tailor their audio experience and force them to be satisfied with what the original vehicle manufacturer installed. This would have a devastating effect on a large number of Hawaiian owned businesses that employ sales staff, install technicians and accounting staff that specialize in the mobile electronics market.

This proposed bill effectively creates a no-compete clause for Original Equipment Manufacturers. The bill proposes that speakers larger than six and one-half inches in width or height not be installed in vehicles. Several OEM vehicles currently include speakers that are larger than six and one-half inches and also utilize Subwoofers that are over ten inches in diameter. To allow OEM manufacturers' and Auto Dealers to sell and install product that is outlined as prohibited in the proposed bill would be a conflict of interest and create a monopoly for all aftermarket sound equipment in the state of Hawaii.

As a member of MERA (Mobile Electronics Retailer Association), CEA (Consumer Electronics Association) and SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Association) Powerbass has a long standing relationship with the mobile electronic community since 2001. Powerbass manufactures subwoofers, speakers, amplifiers and mobile electronic accessories. The products that we produce allow consumers the opportunity to create the sound environment in their personal vehicles that are tailored for their musical tastes.

As an active member of the consumer electronics industry we are vehemently opposed to the proposed bill that would be detrimental to the Hawaiian mobile electronics industry and the Hawaiian economy that relies on the revenue that this industry creates.

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From: SAllwer@aol.com
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To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Re; Hawaii Legislature Considering Bill to Ban Aftermarket Radios HB1178

Aloha,

We have been in business for over 16 years providing after market radios and security systems for cars, working with cars been our life, I oppose HB 1178, because it will put us out of business along with over 30 other business around the state and putt lots of Local employees out work and will effect lot's of local family's, and will make it illegal to have a (example) \$129.00 Installed, KENWOOD AM/FM Radio IPOD ready, customers would have no choice butt to go to the auto dealership who will take advantage and charge the customer a lot of money for a very low quality sounding stock radio.

Basically passing this Bill will make over 60% of the car's in Hawaii illegal because they all some how had there radio changed because stock didn't last or up grade to Ipod ready stereo, and most people can't afford a new car with a \$3500.00 up grade to a premium system that not even satisfactory some times, this is a good size industry that generates a lot of TAX dollars revenue to the state, and will invite the consumers to give their business to the out of state Internet sellers and promotes the illegal installations. There are already laws that punish the offenders of making the noise near hospital zones and school.zones and this can be expanded to help enforce the existing laws instead of destroying a whole industry.

With All respect.

Please consider my comments and objections Bill # HB1178.

Sam Allwer
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From: Jeffery Falk [jfalk@fulmerco.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:47 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB 1178

I am writing regarding bill HB1178 RELATING TO VEHICLE AUDIO EQUIPMENT. I have read this bill and I must state for the record that this appears to be a violation of basic rights of car aftermarket installation companies. This appears to violate free trade, fair and legitimate competition, and hampers car stereo stores the right to do business in your state. As this is written, if a person needed to replace a factory 6 x 9 speaker that was defective, he would only be able to do this from the manufacturer of the vehicle. There are several other items that make this legislation unjust and ridiculous.

Please let it be known, as a manufacturer that does business in your state we oppose this bill on several grounds.

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From: Marco Colindres [marco@prideofhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:28 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Tommie Maldonado
Subject: Hawaii Legislature Considering Bill to Ban Aftermarket Radios HB1178

To whom this may concern,

We recently found about your the bill you are trying pass regarding after market systems in the Car Audio market. We are very opposed to this bill for the following reasons.

1. If this bill passes it would put us out of business. We as a rep organization service over 50 Dealers and have won multiple vendor awards for outstanding customer service for putting Hawaii on the map for this business.
2. If this bill passes it will affect our dealers that we service that are in the market area
3. If you pass this bill it will affect over 5 Rep Firms, and 4-5 Distributors in the Hawaii market
4. We believe the tax revenue for the state would be affected and could impact your tax collection from a GET & Sales Tax stand point on the business which could be in the ball park of \$3-4Million dollars in revenue for the state
5. It would greatly impact unemployment here in the state.

We believe the bill that is being voted on is one of ignorance and does not have a clear goal as to what they are trying to band and why...

1. Is their noise pollution? There is a law already in place for that
2. Is have aftermarket solutions a safety concern for drivers? Do you have intel or data indicating that is hazardous to driving?

We will have an official representative Mr. Tommie Maldonado representing our company an it's interests.
Thanks for your time!



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From: Scott Buwalda [sbuwalda@hybrid-audio.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:01 AM
To: TRNtestimony; toTRNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: House Bill 1178

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Scott Buwalda, and I am the founder and owner of Hybrid Audio Technologies, a company that specializes in the design, manufacture, and sale of high-quality car audio speaker systems. I was recently alerted to House Bill 1178 and am hereby writing this testimony to be included within the public record.

To begin, I am shocked by how a bill of this nature could even be introduced as potential legislation, as it severely limits the unalienable rights of its citizens, specific to their freedom to modify their own vehicles. It is a continued attempt to control every facet of the American citizens life, down to what a person can and cannot install in their own personal vehicles. If the Hawaiian government wants to enact this legislation, then enact it on vehicles owned in the public sector only. Simply put, any other movement by the state government to restrict the rights of the people border on totalitarianism.

The bill is the most poorly-constructed piece of legislation I have ever seen, and shows an obvious lack of understanding on the part of the person or persons that wrote the bill. For example, line 13 of the bill states "any speaker exceeding one hundred watts power output..." A speaker's output is not measured in watts. A watt is a measurement of power, as in input power, not output. Sound output from a speaker is measured in decibels. The statement beginning with line 5 would lead one to believe that any form of modification to the vehicle's audio system is illegal, irrespective of the caveats stated between lines 10 and 17, and represents several "in-field" interpretations of the law on the part of law enforcement. Finally, on page three of the proposed bill, the sentence which begins "Description: Limits the installation of aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment by prohibiting excessive sound amplification...", no part of the proposed bill even mentions the relative level of sound amplification prohibition. The only proposed prohibition is the quantity and size of speakers "allowed" in the vehicle, and has nothing to do with the quantity of "sound amplification." While the number and size of speakers and their level of "sound amplification" are related, they are most certainly mutually exclusive.

All of the above does not even fully entertain the impact this legislation will have on local businesses that install the gear and the effect on suppliers, such as my company, in the sale of the gear to authorized re-sellers. The 12-volt sound industry is a multi-billion dollar economy, and this proposed prohibition will certainly mean loss of revenue, and a direct impact on several small business in Hawaii.

Finally, it should be noted that several "original equipment manufacturer" sound systems are now being made with the capability of producing concert-level playback.

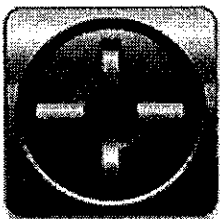
I truly believe this is a poor attempt at attempting to reduce noise pollution. If noise pollution is the problem, then make a bill specific to noise pollution, not a bill that severely limits the rights of United States citizens to modify their vehicles as they see fit.

I can be reached at 770.888.8200 should anyone would like to discuss my opinion.

Best Regards,



Scott E. Buwalda
Founder - Hybrid Audio Technologies



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From: Bill McKinley [wfmckinleyiii@msn.com]
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To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178-Bill to ban laftermarket subwoofers and large speakers

To whom it may concern:

I am a manufacturer's representative with clients in Hawaii who sell and install aftermarket electronics and speakers into vehicles. Having read your bill, HB1178, I have a number of concerns that I wish to express.

The first is that from a technical perspective, I don't think this was researched very well. Subsection 1 mentions that there can't be more than 5 speakers installed in the passenger compartment. My 2006 Ford Escape comes with 7 speakers installed from the factory, one of which is a subwoofer. Our 2006 BMW 525i has 10 speakers installed in the passenger compartment, 2 of which are subwoofers. What if I want to replace these speakers if they become worn out or if they fail? What if I don't think they sound good and want to replace them with something better? Can I only replace 5 of them? Am I allowed to replace the subwoofers if they fail?

According to your bill, I wouldn't be able to, which is silly and I am sure not the intent of the law.

Another technical problem with the bill is that it states a speaker can't be more than 6.5" in size in any direction. There are all shapes and sizes of speakers installed from the factory that are larger than 6.5". There are a huge number of Toyota pickups in Hawaii, and many of the newer ones have an 8" speaker location in the door. Do you really intend to keep someone from replacing an 8" speaker with a 6.5" one. This would actually require your consumer to purchase a smaller, inferior sounding speaker, and since it would require a much longer time to install, would cost more to install. So, to replace a cheap bulk speaker from the factory when it fails, in order to comply with the law, a consumer would have to buy a smaller speaker and pay a larger labor fee to install it.

It would appear this is an attempt to minimize the disturbance of the peace by over-legislating something that the author of the bill really does not understand. Perhaps the bill could be re-written in a way that would not impact the livelihood of dozens of hard working businessmen in state of Hawaii, as well as their employees, and that targets the true issue at hand.

Regards,

Bill McKinley
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I am writing to let you know that House Bill 1178, which seeks to ban aftermarket installation of subwoofers, speakers larger than 6 1/2 inches, which exceeds 100 watts power handling, and more than five speakers.

There are so many points to which I believe this is wrong but i will tell you how this effects me.

Car audio changed my life, without it I could not be where I am today.

As a child I had no interest in much of anything but playing and causing trouble. My father has been pushing me to do well in school but I never peaked interest in any subjects.

One day I was with my auntie and she had amplifier and a subwoofer in her car. My first experience of music I could feel. I was hooked.

I started reading everything I could about how car audio works and there was so much fields to learn. Even my father disapproved of this saying there is no profession in what I'm doing (this was in the early 90's). Even then as seen today as a group of disrespectful punks disturbing the peace.

Little did I know, how much different fields and traits Ive slowly acquired from fiddling around with stereos.

I started like most by building my own speaker enclosure. I did not own any power tools at the time so I had to learn how to use them from my uncle who was in construction.

Then I learned how to wire up an amplifier which worked great until I upgraded the amplifier and burnt out my cabling which forced me to learn about low voltage electricity and currents.

Soon enough I worked so hard building something I was so proud of I had to protect it which lead me to mobile security where I learned how electricity could be manipulated to do things I wanted it to on command.

Its been over 15 years since my first build and over time my skill grew with it. Where car audio is no longer just installation it becomes an art form where I could build something from nothing.

Now days I pulled away from the car audio profession but still enjoy it as a hobby.


Without that strong base from car audio I could never be where I am today which is managing one of Oahu's leading company's in high end electronic security.

Mahalo,

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TO House of Representatives
Twenty-sixth Legislature, 2011
State of Hawaii

From Ray Windsor, German Maestro USA

Date  February 8, 2011

RE HB1178

German Maestro is a manufacturer of the products which are the subject of HB1178. We sell these products to small businesses all around the globe, including small businesses in the state of Hawaii.

As a member of the consumer electronics business since 1979 I am an advocate of these small businesses. For many years in various capacities I have been involved in the "noise ordinance" discussions held in many communities. The goal is to find a way to respect all members of the community and their right to peace and tranquility.

I recognize the desire of communities to regulate loud and offensive noises that disturb private citizens. No one likes any type of loud or unwanted noise that enters our homes, especially during normal sleeping hours. We must also recognize that generally our children, usually between the ages of 16 to 24 are the operators of most loud car audio systems. The vast majority of these young adults are law abiding, good kids looking for a fun way to get together with others in their age group. For many of them car audio is a hobby, one that we feel spurs their imagination, offers them a creative outlet for their youthful exuberance. This is a far better way for them to spend their time and disposable income than on experimenting with dangerous drugs or other harmful ways of spending their time. We must be diligent in understanding their needs and desires as well.

In my research I have found that some of the noise ordinances across the country were originally put in place to give authorities another tool in stopping the illicit drug trade in our country. For that purpose I whole heartedly support such efforts. Any possible way that we can protect our children from this evil should be strongly supported. But we cannot let this overshadow the rights of our children not involved with drugs to limit their rights to just have a good time.

I have therefore assembled some suggested wording for a noise ordinance that could help reduce the effects of car audio systems on the peace and tranquility of private citizens. You will note that the suggestion does not target the equipment used in producing the problem, rather it targets the problem. I am here to tell you that targeting the equipment is merely a temporary and not very productive stop-gap. The industry is constantly producing technology and equipment that requires smaller and less powerful devices to create louder sound. We have learned that idea from motorcycle manufacturers.

Please see the following suggestion...

Proposed Noise Ordinance

No person shall play, use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated, any radio, tape recorder, cassette player, CD player or other device for receiving broadcast sound or reproducing recorded sound if the device is located;

- 1) On the public way; or
- 2) In any motor vehicle on the public way;

And if the sound generated by the device is clearly audible to a person with normal hearing at a distance greater than 100 feet between the hours of 11:00PM and 6:00AM. This section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, any person participating in a parade or public assembly for which a valid permit has been obtained.

A noise free zone shall also be established for 2 blocks in either direction of churches, schools and hospitals during all hours of the day and night. Within this noise free zone the sound generated by the device cannot exceed convenient hearing of the passengers or users of the device.

Violators will be cited with a non- moving traffic infraction and fined \$100 for the first offence. Violators convicted of a second offense under this section within 18 months of the first offence shall be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$250. Violators convicted of a third offense within 18 months of the first offense shall be fined not less than \$250 and not more than \$500. Third offenses shall also be subject to driver's license suspension for up to one year.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jay Kent
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

If noise abatement is your goal this is not the way to do it. This bill is in direct violation of the Magnusson-Moss Warranty Act of 1979, which states approximately that the OEM cannot have a monopoly on replacement parts.

As a state which relies on small businesses imposing a bill such as this would destroy a significant portion of the vehicle repair industry, not to mention the aftermarket parts sales which bring in tax dollars to the state.

Noise abatement laws can and should be effected, but they must attack NOISE specifically. Attacking an industry as the sole source of noise is both discriminatory and unconstitutional.

Thank you for your time,

Jay Kent
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T3 Audio Technologies

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From: Certified Sounds LLC [teamcertified@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:14 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Oppose Bill HB1178

The State Of Hawaii:
Attn.: House Of Representatives

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to register my OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BILL 1178 (Amended chapter 291) In which aftermarket audio equipment is the focus.

I have been a Mobile Electronics Retailer in the state of Hawaii for the last ten years. I am a CEA (Consumer Electronics Association) member, MECP Master Installation Technician and ASE Certified. I have dedicated and invested the last 10 years of my life and my business traveling to the mainland attending trade shows and trainings to gain more knowledge of better sound and changing technologies. I attend these training so I can better educate the consumer and my customer of the changing times and practice of safe sound . My customer is the middle aged male who enjoys music and good sound. I have been providing these customers audiophile upgrades of there favorite brands for years. I feel we are being targeted as an industry and not addressing the problem at hand. How can the state pass a bill when there is no specific state department to govern, regulate or police these so called noise ordinances. I feel it is prejudice to target us as a specific industry to so called noise pollution. Who is to say the state or county worker operating a jackhammer on the roads is in ordinance to noise, or what time construction sites can start work and make noise , or my neighbor can start his noisy lawnmower to cut his grass. Are we going to have a state department to police and enforce such noise ordinances? I feel there is better things the state can invest there time and money on, than domestic disputes such as these.

And as far as saying its okay if it is a factory installed system with multiple speakers and amplifiers , but not an aftermarket upgrade is unfair market practice and almost a monopoly for the auto manufacturers. Again just another blow at small businesses during this enduring and trying economic times.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I find this a gross injustice, how can a government make it illegal to upgrade a stock stereo with better aftermarket parts?

The Constitution says we have the right to the pursuit of happiness, and to a lot of people happiness comes from car/car stereo customization.

Who are you to deny people their happiness?

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From: Brian [brian@kahunatechnology.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:26 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

As a business owner, I hate when people drive by blasting their loud music shaking my building, however, 9 times out of 10, it is shortly followed with them being pulled over and cited for the violation.

Not allowing people to change the way their cars speaker systems sound is a horrible idea, just because they CAN make a lot of noise, doesnt mean they do. Almost every vehicle on the road is capable of exceeding 55 MPH, does that mean we should make this a communist state and install speed limiters on every vehicle?

I have a friend who is a musician and absolutely HATED the way his cars stock stereo sound. He is an older fellow, doesnt like rap, doesnt like that any of the new hiphop or rock, so its not like he wanted to listen to Eminems latest track. I helped him install a new radio head unit, as his old one just played cassettes, and installed a 500 watt sub amp, and a 300 watt amp for the highs... and he loved it, but youd never know he had that system because he didnt play it loud, he just wanted a system that had speakers dedicated to high, medium, and low frequencies. Why didnt he go with a smaller system with less power? Simple; clipping. When you have a system capable of producing a LOT of noise, and only use it to make a little big of noise, the sound quality is always perfect, and it never maxes out the amp or speakers capability and makes a horrible clipping noise. Same concept with a car, can you imagine if we made vehicles here only able to go 55 mph, and designed everything around that? that means at 55mph youd be red lining the engine, id imagine it wouldnt last very long.

Hawaii's law enforcement is doing a fine job at catching people making sound violations, and as a tax payer, I feel the laws should stay the same.

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From: Jeff Sweere [jeff@sweetsounds.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:39 AM
To: TRNtestimony; Jeff Sweere
Subject: proposed legislation HB1178

To whom it may concern,

While I'm not a resident of Hawaii, I have spent some time in your fine state and enjoyed my honeymoon there on the island of Molokai and others.

I find this proposed legislation distributing in every aspect. It clearly is biased towards certain businesses (the automotive manufacturers) while likely closing the doors on most, if not all of your local mobile electronics stores. It will put many good, hardworking residents out of work.

While I admire the authors concern for having a respectable place to live, banning the replacement of a 6" x 9" speaker, which has been and continues to be installed in literally MILLIONS of vehicles over the last 40 years is ridiculous and short sited. If the author wishes to quiet "kids" who "play their stereos too loud" then the author should propose an bill that specifically address "disturbing the peace" and would include all forms of excessive sound, including airplanes, car & truck exhausts, audio equipment including PA (professional address) systems, motorcycles and the such. Other localities have such ordinances and they work and they are not biased.

The proposed legislation, in its entirety should be voted down.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: John Haynes [jhaynes@al-eds.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Please read re HB1178

Good day...

This is John Haynes, the Product Manager at Al & Ed's Autosound in Los Angeles. We have a 56-year old company that has actually been credited with starting the mobile electronics industry. I am a 22 year veteran and have dedicated myself to this industry.

I heard this morning about HB1178 and the plan to restrict aftermarket mobile electronic product sales. I'm assuming that this is because of noise issues caused by some drivers who do not use their systems considerately.

I strongly encourage you to NOT approve this bill. It unfairly targets aftermarket retailers, as OE systems are exempt from legislation, even though many factory systems have larger speakers, more speakers, or more power than the Bill allows. This will directly impact ALL of the mobile electronics retailers in your state, and will no doubt cause some to go out of business and lay off employees.

Please remember...the owners of those businesses and their employees are citizens of your state, too, and deserve the utmost consideration.

This issue can be handled by noise enforcement laws, such as those written in many other states, including my own state of California. There is no question that most of the driving public who have improved their audio systems do not blast them up and down the streets. Please focus your attention on the minority stirring up the trouble.

Since car audio products are widely available on the Internet, and since many can be installed by the vehicle owners, this law will NOT stop the noise issue, only harm your local businesses and citizens. The people who want to get these products will get them anyway.

Thank you for taking a minute or two to read this. Please do NOT support or pass HB1178.

Regards,

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From: Dennis Simpson [b17si@yahoo.com]
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To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Noise ordinance

Hello,

My name is Mike Simpson. I own Mike's Mobile Audio based out of Naples, FL. I read that you are trying to pass a local law in your area banning loud stereo systems.

I can not believe that one of the states of this great nation is trying to pull such an unamerican manuver. This is the land of the free! If someone works hard for their money they have the right to spend it how ever they please.

I understand that disturbance of the peace could be an issue in your area, but you can not punish the hard working people that own businesses supplying these products. If there were a string of violent crimes, would you charge the local gunsmith? No. You punish the criminal and hope that the punishment deters others from doing the same thing.

I propose you set up noise ordenance laws after 9pm where fines could be issued for disturbing the peace or some other type of punishment. Make the penalty more and more strict for repeat offenders.

Whatever you do, please do not punish the owners of the automotive electronics shops in Hawaii. This is a fragile industry and most shops struggle to survive. Any hit to their profits may bankrupt them in these tough economic times, making more Americans unemployed. If an entire state took such a hard hit it may hurt auto electronics manufacturers, rising prices for others and driving up costs. This event may ripple effect and scar an entire industry. This industry may have a bad reputation, mainly due to the poor decisions of a handful of idiots, such as playing stereo systems on high with the windows down at midnight. Don't let these events represent the entire industry. We also install bluetooth devices to keep drivers attention on the road and not the phone. Baby cameras can be installed so the parents are aware of any dangers with out turning fully around.

Just keep in mind that jobs are on the line when making your decision. Thank you for your time.

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February 7, 2011

House of Representatives
Twenty Sixth Legislatures, 2011
State of Hawaii

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you to register my opposition to the proposed House Bill 1178. I am a Manufacturers Rep/Distributor of mobile electronic products for the state of Hawaii, and have been in this industry for 18 years.

After reading the proposed legislation, the outcome I believe the author is looking for is to curb low frequency audio disturbance from a handful of inconsiderate people. I understand the problem, but also know that there are laws currently in place for this. Sec. 41-31.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu makes it unlawful to play any motor vehicle audio system which is audible from 30 feet away. This law targets just the offenders, and doesn't try to blanket and punish an entire group of consumers and retailers.

If this bill is allowed to pass, it will definitely do the following:

1. Hurt our already ailing economy with the inevitable closure of many Car Audio shops. The closures would in turn cut the states tax revenue, and put the shops employees on unemployment, further burdening the state.
2. It will restrict an individual his/her right to choose what they want to do with the audio system in their vehicle. Whether for replacement or upgrade to enhance driving enjoyment, the choice would be hindered or left unavailable.

Please reject this bill as it is too broad a stroke for an issue that has already been addressed, and will have too many negative ramifications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert Matsumura
Paradise Marketing, Inc.

From: rbagnall [rbagnall@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:06 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: legislature hearing

To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of the legislature potentially banning aftermarket car audio and felt it was necessary to voice my opinion on the subject.

In North Carolina we have noise ordinance laws that help regulate the few consumers who abuse their electronics and audio equipment and this really helps in deterring these people. I happen to operate a shop in the Wilmington area which is a heavy tourist area and also is at the beach, where the nature and historical districts are a premium so I feel I can relate more closely than some others in my position.

I am 34 years old and opened my business in September 2005. We are primarily an aftermarket audio and electronics dealer. If I were forced to close my business down (which this potential legislation would ultimately do), I would lose my home and other assets along with all of the members of my staff.

I have never in my entire life sent an email like this, but I feel that it is necessary to make people aware that most of the shops in our industry are simply hard working people trying to make an honest living by providing services and products that consumers ask for.

I strongly urge you to consider the lives and livelihoods of the hundreds and potentially thousands of people who will be effected by this legislature's passing.

Respectfully,

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Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

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Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Hello, my name is Sean, National Director of SPL-Lab USA.

I run this business by myself and serve the entire nation with pressure sensors that measure sound pressure for many reasons, but primarily for stereo competitions.

I have recently been informed of this bill and would like to express what big mistake Hawaii is about to make for the country and not just to the state in which you reside.

It appears to me that this bill has been manifested based on the principles of selfishness of not making it public enough and has created a backdoor to try and push for something that is unnecessary. Interestingly enough, it is this "secrecy" that has been discouraged about the goals of the bill. It is understood to me that this bill is a way to "get back" at the community for basically not respecting others.

If this is the view many supporters have, they are going about it completely wrong.

This bill is another failed attempt at looking at the big picture when it comes to stereo nuisance as in all other things, the stereo scene in itself is and will always be a hobby.

Like many hobbies, most hobbies are completely legal and are there to keep people busy or out of trouble. Looking at the stereo genre that we normally call the car audio scene, this hobby is completely legal. What is misinterpreted is the usage of the hobby.

Car audio is very popular in young teens because their car is their own personal space. Young teens also like going to concerts. Putting the two together equals car audio. We also have another group of people, those who enjoy the realism of music. Taking this hobby away from people is like taking the ability away to go see a movie. It's something the whole nation does, but how responsible are those that do listen to music in their car?

That's what has started it all...

Loud music. Overly excessive for other people who care not to hear it. A personal choice, not a mandatory requirement to keep peace to prevent harm toward someone.

The car audio scene is filled with more **responsible** adults than uneducated teens. I cannot stress this enough. There are many organizations and leagues around the world, not just in this country that let anybody compete to see who has the loudest vehicle based on divisions to make it fair.

Just like any competition, these competitions build respect and responsibility to those who have installed an aftermarket setup that has the "potential" of becoming excessively loud. The internet is the most trafficked medium on the planet now. More and more people can get information quicker and easier than ever before. It is because of the internet that we have message boards to help those who are in this hobby to become more educated and also become more responsible about those around them.

My point is clear without any question-

Enforcing this bill to assume mischievous abuse toward the public will open a door so wide, the nation will retaliate involuntarily and will cause this nation to be in worse shape than what it is right now.

Car audio is holding this nation together?

No. Of course not...

Killing off one of the most popular hobbies among many, many, many people around this country will also affect those out of this country as well... It is a snowball effect and will rebound back to many other companies around the world in no time.

If this bill were passed, other states would also like to consider it due to their selfish thinking of handling a very minute problem that is being blown out of proportion.

I must emphasize this-

Does Hawaii realize what they might start?

The entire country is still struggling to find jobs. There are many people still out there that can't find a job. Removing the legal right to have any said aftermarket product installed would diminish sales in this country as this bill were to move from state to state. Cutting back sales would eventually lead to even more jobs and companies disappearing from our history.

And when the American people look back several years later at what we as a nation were doing to try and help ourselves rebuild and grow... They will see Hawaii was one of the first states to start a chain reaction to enforcing such a bill that ultimately led to even more jobs being lost, even more people without jobs. In order for the country to grow, we do NOT fuel the unemployed fire, we employ, not take away!

There are far too many analogies I can use to show how this bill is overly aggressive in every possible view yet I refuse to take the time to explain why because I will not bring myself down to the state's level to explain. If the state can't figure out why, then the people of Hawaii are already victims of a harsh penalty that they should have the privilege of using.

If a state wants to make the people who give the car audio hobby a bad reputation, then go about it at a personal level. Do not attack the whole nation starting with your state.

Sean

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If you have questions, email me- shizzon@gmail.com

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From: Johnathan Ivey [john.ivey@mitekusa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:49 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Bill to cut jobs in this economy? Thats CNN newsworthy!

To Whom it may concern,

Please consider all the people you will be putting out of work in Hawaii and in other places. I have 4 children ranging for 3 years old to 16. I ship my products to Hawaii. In addition to car audio these Hawaii install shops sell and install backup camera, Alarms, Lane Change notification systems and more but they could not stay in business without the car audio supporting the other business. This bill could affect me and my family and while I don't live in Hawaii I do visit as often as I can afford.

This just does not make any sense.



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Subject: BILL HB 1178 Opposition

To: Hawaii House Transportation Committee

Subject: Bill HB 1178

Esteemed fellow Americans

As the president of the International Auto Sound Challenge Association with affiliation in 28 countries and as the owner of a mobile electronics retail facility in business for over 32 years, I adamantly oppose this bill.

It is outrageous to hear of such a bill brought before the House that would limit or, worse yet, eliminate jobs whether during an economic recession or not. Furthermore, it is contemptible that the prejudice exists that would allow an automobile manufacturer or car dealership to sell and/or install the proposed banned equipment thus restricting fair trade practices by purveyors in the Mobile Electronics Trade.

It seems clear that the motivation behind this bill is to curtail the disturbance of the peace by offenders that may play their auto sound systems much too loud for local ordinances. To that end, we would suggest law enforcement agents due diligence upholding those laws. To limit the choices of consumers and restrict retailers from their livelihoods is blatantly unfair, unbelievable and un-American.

Respectfully
Paul Papadeas, President
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To: TRNtestimony
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No on HB 1178. This would shut down a lot of local businesses and mainlande retailers would still profit from online/mail order sales. The economy is already bad, so what does Hawaii State House member Marcus Oshiro propose to do when numerous car audio shops shut down and their employee lose their jobs?

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House Committee on Transportation

February 9, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

RE: H.B. 1178: Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment
Testimony of Timothy E. Ho

Chairs Souki and Members of the Committee:

H.B. 2766 proposes a ban on the aftermarket installation of subwoofers and speakers larger than six and one-half inches in diameter, and a speaker limit of five. I am writing to voice my opposition to House Bill 1178, as I believe that it will put many small businesses out of business, with no direct correlation to solving the problem this bill intended.

This measure must have been drafted in response to constituents' complaints about drivers who play their car stereos at excessively loud levels, and whose subwoofers cause their windows to shake and vibrate. While I understand the complaints about loud stereos, there are laws currently in place which address this problem. Sec. 41-31.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu makes it unlawful to play any motor vehicle audio system which is audible from 30 feet away. It does not require a decibel meter or reading. As long as the music is audible from 30 feet away, it violates the ordinance. For those who say that it is difficult to enforce, because HPD must observe the violation, a 911 call and report of the loud noise with a license plate number and description of the car and its location would be enough for a car to be dispatched to investigate the complaint.

As customers' demand better audio-visual systems from car manufacturers, they are being outfitted with better quality factory sound and video systems. Many factory installed systems are equipped with subwoofers and more than five speakers. Even if this measure is passed into law, there will still be factory systems which could be played at excessively loud levels. In order to get around this law, more auto makers will be equipping their automobiles with high end systems. The only result will be the demise of small local businesses. What happens when a factory unit is stolen or vandalized? How will that person be able to replace his system with one equal to what was provided by the auto manufacturer?

In response to the prohibition of cell phone use while driving, I had stereos installed in my automobiles with built in Bluetooth handsfree systems. I also took the opportunity to upgrade my audio equipment with more speakers, subwoofers and ipod capability. I do not play my music excessively loud. I know this because I experimented by setting the volume for as loud as I could tolerate and stepped out of my vehicle and could not hear the music from outside my vehicle. I enjoy good music played at moderate levels. I would not be able to enjoy my music without the subwoofer and speakers which at six and one-half inches are actually smaller than the six-by-nine speakers it came with.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Comments:

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSTION TO HB1178

Heard in Transportation Committee

Joe Souki, Chairman

February 9 2011, House conference room 309

Chairman Souki and Members of the Transportation Committee,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB1178 as it is poorly written and conceived. The proposed limitations on aftermarket car audio equipment do not meet current standards for vehicles being sold today. Current automobiles are available with systems that exceed the proposed limits on speaker quantity, size, as well as power. In addition to this, vehicles like the current Toyota 4 runner, have optional speaker systems that are placed outside of the passenger compartment. This would mean that owners of vehicles with inoperable factory equipment would be unable to replace their systems with anything other than factory equipment or replace them with system substandard to factory units. This is not the standard for any other mechanical or electrical auto repair and should not be the standard for car audio as well.

If the intent of this legislation is to limit "noise pollution", it will have little if any impact. There are current law directly addressing this issue and as I have mentioned earlier, most factory systems are well capable of breaking the law. I find this legislation another attempt to limit individual expression and freedom. It will hurt the dozens of audio equipment suppliers and retailers at a time when our economy needs small business to thrive. This bill would serve no one and should be killed in committee immediately.

Sincerely,

Brian Kimata

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ph: 554-8327

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: krsmdg420@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kenneth Stephens
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Address: 24323 Jackson Ave #527 Murrieta
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E-mail: krsmdg420@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I am opposed to this for a few reasons. First, loud music is no more annoying than road construction, living near a highway, airplanes, the trash truck, etc. Second, there is no need to shut down businesses of any kind in this time of recession. Many, no, ALL car audio dealers and installers would lose their business's and jobs. Car audio is a hobby for many people, and even keeps a lot of teenagers busy and out of trouble. The noise heard by loud car stereo's is usually only for a few seconds as they drive by.

I do believe there should be citations for loud music in residential area's and after a set curfew. But to ban the industry from being in Hawaii altogether is a ludicrous idea.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:28 PM
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Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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From: Ed Doo [ed.doo@holokahi.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:09 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1178

re.---House Bill 1178, which seeks to ban aftermarket installation of subwoofers, speakers larger than 6 1/2 inches, which exceeds 100 watts power handling, and more than five speakers.

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that this Bill 1178 is targeting the small business owners and employees that are trying to earn a living. I thought the State is supposed to support the local businesses and not take away a means to survive. This electronic industry is a worldwide business that helps fund our economy. The loud noises that are heard do not exceed the sirens (when stuck in traffic--very often) and motorcycles (Harley Davidsons) that pass us by. We do not contribute to hi-performance sales for which speed related accidents occur nor alcohol sales that also cause car accident deaths.

I have done car audio sales and installation for 28 years. I have had customers with OEM car stereos receive citations from law enforcers for excessive stereo noises. What is the difference if a car manufacturer has installed an OEM Alpine / Rockford Fosgate, etc., stereo system in the vehicle or a retail specialty store installs the same items. Manufacturers for motor vehicles install the same types of subwoofers as the aftermarket. Auto dealerships have them installed into vehicles before the vehicle is sold to the consumers, is this considered OEM. The dealerships represent the manufacturers and sell their products.

Music is entertainment and a way of life, if it is abused, then we need to recognize and help correct the situation. This is a concern, no different from, hi-performance vehicles that are designed for better gas mileage/performance. Yet, the abusers speed and kill people. Alcohol, designed for pleasure, yet can also be abused.

The amount of equipment put into a car cannot be restricted--power creates better clarity / quality of sound. Example--Restrict an auto manufacturer from developing large engines in a vehicle--fuel efficiency and more power for hi performance.

I believe education for both the user and plaintiffs are needed.

Mahalo,
Edward Doo
Concerned Consumer

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:22 PM
To: TRNtestimony
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Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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E-mail: msr@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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From: Jaime Ahmed [jahmed545@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony; Public Access Room
Subject: Protest letter against HB 1178

Aloha,

My name is Jaime Ahmed and I am the daughter of Carmina and Steve Ahmed, owners of Car Stereo Express, located on Kam Hwy. I am writing to protest HB 1178. I do not want HB 1178 to be passed for numerous reasons. First off like many local people in Hawaii, we support our families through small businesses, which means families coming together and working hard to survive. For the past twelve years I remember hearing the media reinforcing how important small businesses are in Hawaii and how our government supports these mom and pop stores regulating big mainland retailers to protect the local industries. Passing HB 1178, will not be supporting local people and small business owners. Since Hawaii is made up of small businesses I know that by passing this bill it will only add even more strain on our economy.

Another reason I think HB1178 should not be passed is because of the military. The military plays a big part in Hawaii's economy. Many customers that shop at Car Stereo Express are military and many of them share their stories with us. We have had customers who have been deployed to Iraq and have come back telling us that while deployed, what brought them home was looking forward to adding after market audio and video equipment to their car. As simple as that may sound, many soldiers that are stationed in Hawaii are away from their families, and look for comfort else where, such as buying a new car and being able to fix it up. I remember another soldier who was diagnosed with cancer in his brain due to being deployed in Iraq. He came to Car Stereo Express to spend his hard earned money on an aftermarket stereo system, after being told he had months to live. We have also had soldiers call from Iraq to place orders on products in anticipation to come home, something for them to look forward too.

Besides the military, there are also the local people. a very memorable customer was a man who passed away. A contest was held at Car Stereo Express and this loyal customer won first place. Months later this man passed away. Do you know what was the proudest moment in his life? Winning a trophy from Car Stereo Express. To many of us this sounds ridiculous, but to this customer's family this trophy was what they thought he would want people to remember him by at his funeral.

Lastly, I do not think HB 1178 should be passed because it is my families only form of income, it is what keeps my parents young, and it is what holds us together. Car Stereo Express has been around for over 12 years. Before my family started this business we had many trial and errors. It took years for my parents to find a profitable business that would provide for a growing family. Growing up, my siblings and I would accompany my parents to flea markets, craft fairs, and even on the side of the road to sell goods such as silk plants, rugs, pottery, and even space savers! My parents have been working all their lives to get where they are, and that is Car Stereo Express, a successful business that has been able to provide a home for us to live in put me through an under graduate program and a graduate program, help my sister and her family purchase a home, and help celebrate my brother's upcoming wedding. I understand that the point of this bill is to prevent people from blasting loud music. Aftermarket or not, people will still be able to blast their music, instead of not allowing people to install aftermarket audio and video into their car I would like to propose this idea.

My idea is to strongly enforce the laws of loud audio by raising the fines. This solution will prevent people or decrease the amount of people from breaking the law, it will also help our government by receiving more money from those who disobey the law, and it will keep our small businesses alive which will also help our economy. The car industries seem to be getting more and more competitive; many cars already come with or have the option of upgrading their sound systems. If HB 1178 is passed it will not solve the problem for long. With that said it sounds like the reason to propose this bill is because of some benefit from a major car industry.

Please do not pass HB 1178, look at the whole picture, from effecting one person, it grows into a family, and than a community, that is being punished. Thank you for your time and if any more information is needed feel free to contact me at 808-225-4377.

Jaime Ahmed

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Paul Epstein [paul@greatreps.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:53 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House Bill #1178

To Whom it May Concern,

The proposed bill #1178 is unfairly restrictive and would have the effect of harming businesses in your state that are engaged in the sale and installation of automotive aftermarket equipment. It would have the immediate effect of eliminating jobs in that field which would in turn harm the business of the suppliers of those concerns.

The wording in that bill restricts even the replacement of factory installed 6X9" speakers (very common size) with any aftermarket product and would severely limit the choices that a consumer would have when it is time to replace or upgrade the audio system in a vehicle.

I believe that your state already has laws in existence that regulate how loud a noise or music can be without creating a disturbance and this bill would needlessly have a detrimental economic effect on your state.

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From: sarameh1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:13 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: RE: HB1178 Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment

Aloha,

I'm writing you to let you know that I oppose HB1178. Below are my comments:

- 1- There are about 30 audio equipment businesses state wide that serve the auto sound enthusiasts. This bill means Immediat shut down for most if not all of them because the sub and amplifier business represent over 30% of this multi-million dollar business here in Hawaii. Over 250 families will be impacted immediatly.
- 2- This bill is unfair to the local businesses and locat people employed by those business because it punished hard working people trying to make a living and not the offenders. There are already laws that punish the offenders.
- 3- There are zones where noise has to be kept low such as hospital zones and school zones and this can be expanded to help inforce the existing laws instead of destroyoing a whole industry.
- 4- If the consumer is unable to buy and get this equipment locally, this bill basically invites the consumer to give their business to the out of state internet sellers and promotes the illegal installations.
- 5- This bill will leave the consumer with no choices as to what brand, quality and price they can choose. Car manufacturers and dealers only offer one low quality and expensive option.

Please consider my comments and objections to HB1178.

With respect.

Jad Saramah

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: David Kubo [dkubo@jfmmaui.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:34 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** HOUSE BILL 1178

Dear Sir/madams,

I have just heard about this new bill affecting the installation of aftermarket car audio systems. I want to say that I strongly DISAGREE with such a law that limits what I can install and listen to in my own personal vehicle. I have been an avid car audio enthusiast for over 25 years and every car or truck I have owned I have either upgraded or totally redesigned the audio system. People who strive to have the best reproduction in music quality will never be satisfied with what is equipped from the car manufacturer. There are already noise ordinance laws in place for people who choose to disrupt peoples privacy and if need be stiffen those penalties for those who don't know how to be considerate to others. So again, please do not pass this bill.

David Kubo

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:15 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: benjaminrhodes1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benjamin Rhodes
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Phone: 304-488-3214
E-mail: benjaminrhodes1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

To ban the sale, operation, and possession of any aftermarket car audio product would be outrageous. Consider the impact on the businesses that sell the equipment which will be banned. They will be effectively put out of business. Many jobs will be lost.

The limitations of what will remain legal were obviously set forth by someone with no knowledge of the industry or hobby. This bill simply has no basis.

It would be absolute lunacy to even consider passing this bill.

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From: J K [braddaj81@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:14 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: car audio bill

Hi my name is John ernest Alike foster Kepoo. i'm an audiophile. I understand that some people view us as a nuisance, but i think that they miss the whole picture. To some it's not just a hobby of some sort, it's a lifestyle. There are forum's dedicated to just this type of environment. i've met cool people on these forum's. Some of who at no cost to me are willing to help install equipment into my vehicle. I mean damn you don't find that much especially with people you don't know or just meet. I'm just writing to voice my concern of people in power to not put this law through. I say if you put this law through what about vehicle's that smoke and are unsafe for the road. what then? what about big truck's that are loud and give off polutant's that is not only an unwanted sound for the public but also unhealthy for society period. "UNHEALTHY" not just unwanted by some but unhealthy for people to breathe or for our environment. I'm just saying there's alot of unhealthy thing's you could be getting down on but you all choose to get on us the one's that stay to ourselve's. We try not to cause any trouble we try to be most respectful. there are some out there that disregard the law and are very unrespectful but why spoil it for us all. All in all i pay my tax's just like the next person so why would you rob me of my passion out side of my wife and kid's. PLEASE listen to plea of one man trying to beg for what he love's to do not to be stripped away from him.

Sincerly,

Johnernest A. Kepoo

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:18 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: brendaid@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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E-mail: brendaid@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

As someone who works in the automotive electronics industry i oppose this bill because it will put buisnesses out of buisness and it is cheaper to have a stock system that goes bad to an aftermarket systeime than going back to a stock system and i do know that the systems can get loud but they should not be out lawed just a cap on desables as far as loudness of the system and they should be respectful

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dcypher003@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Duane Degray
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dcypher003@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

We have much bigger issues to worry about in the present day and age. Putting a ban on something that will put many businesses and people out of work with the economy in its present state is ridiculous. Aside from the many jobs that will be lost, a hobby of many people young and old will also be taken away. Please focus on more important issues.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:28 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: fatboy.911@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: Michael Lucero.docx

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Lucero
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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Michael Lucero

Opposing New Law HB1178

As u may tell I am not a big writer and I don't even live in Hawaii but everywhere is just the same. Aftermarket systems is a big hobby for a lot of people just like a lot of people live of selling aftermarket systems. I know where going through a recession now but us BassHeads always find a way to fix our cars we do this cause we love it its something u just cant take away for those people its not a solution just to band aftermarket stereos. Every watts every amperage every decibel we go up its like climbing Mount Everest this is just what we do and what we are I know theres a lot of people in Hawaii that have many aftermarket systems just like I know there is many retailers stores that work and live of that people actually graduate of that to actually live of that people actually depend on this just don't take it away find another way to solve it do what California does cops with their decibel meter best solution sorry for some bad spelling and thank you for taking you time to read this

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:31 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: iwebsterateducation@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: Car Audio ban.docx

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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E-mail: iwebsterateducation@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:
Please take this into consideration.

I submit this testimony in response to the aftermarket car audio ban that is being considered in the great state of Hawaii. I feel that this ban would be completely unfair not only to consumers but to business owners that would have to close their doors to comply with this law. I have been in the car audio "scene" for only a couple years now, but I love it. I have met some great people along the way that have helped me learn the ins and outs of installing an aftermarket audio system in a vehicle. Car audio is a great thing to get into that I have come to have a deep passion for. The car audio community as a whole is very tight knit and most of us are law abiding and are very respectful with how we play our systems. I understand there are a few that play their music at obnoxious levels in busy city streets and communities. But you cannot punish the whole for the actions of a few. I know I am not alone in this sentiment: Car Audio is more a lifestyle than a hobby. So please don't take away car audio. For some this is a great outlet to let off frustration after a tough day and for some it is a living. So I submit this in hopes that it is not turned upon a deaf ear. (pun intended)

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 3:06 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: krazytunezcar@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donald Soares
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: krazytunezcar@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This is outrageous, allot of us own after marker equipment and we respect and obey prohibited noise laws, but to make it illegal to own after market equipment is just plain outrageous.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Kevin Doyle [kevin@ddaudio.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:22 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: H.B. 1178: Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment



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I have read the testimony of Mr. Timothy E. Ho ,and as someone who has made their living in this industry for my entire working career I second everything he said. If there are already laws on the books that address this issue, maybe there should be more concentration on enforcing the current law instead of micro managing the problem.

Kevin Doyle

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bbotelho@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: B BOTELHO
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bbotelho@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This proposed bill will, in effect, not only affect the minority of individuals that play their stereo systems loud, but will also affect any individual who purchases an aftermarket stereo with bluetooth capability to comply with hawaii states ban of cell phones use while driving. Also, it will effectively limit the pleasure that drivers get by upgrading their stereo systems to have a more pleasant music listening experience during the long commutes in traffic, such as on the island of Oahu, or the long commute distances for most workers who live outside of their district of employment on the island of Hawaii. Also, this ban will put numerous local businesses out of business as the installation of aftermarket stereo equipment is their lively hood, reducing their quality of living, all to appease a few complainants who feel their need to limit a persons ability to enjoy their music in the confines of their vehicle outweigh anothers right and freedom of speech and expression through music.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 3:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: messedupkidz@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason Kister
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: messedupkidz@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This bill will put hundreds of people out of work during a time where it is difficult to find any jobs.

Many people are ok with OEM stereos but some people demand more from their music. They want more sound quality and a more accurate reproduction of sound. Basing a law on the size of a speaker makes no sense. If I have a 15" subwoofer but I don't get above 120db, what is the problem? Is that bothering anyone? The answer is no, it simply can not.

The way I see it, banning an audio system is the same as banning a car that can go over 65mph. Sure it's illegal to drive over that speed even on the freeways but there would be no enjoyment in a car like that. And just because you have a fast car, doesnt mean you speed. Or if you own a gun, you must use it to rob people. You are accusing everyone who enjoys an audio system to be a nuisance, even the ones who are being responsible.

A simpler solution would be to make every audio store teach their customers how to be responsible with their stereo. Education is always the best answer. And banning something because you don't like it only shows you are as ignorant as the irresponsible person who annoyed you. There is always a way to compromise so both sides are happy.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Carter Siu [cartersiu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 3:36 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Testimony Against HB1178

I am submitting this in opposition to any ban on aftermarket stereo equipment as proposed by HB1178.
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/HB1178 .pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/HB1178.pdf)

I do not know what the aim of this goal is and what conduct it seeks to curtail, but this goes too far. If it is about noise, I think there are laws on the books regarding that. If you want, you can amend that law to ban loud music after 11:00 p.m. Moreover, I have heard stock stereo systems with subwoofers that are very loud and can be heard from outside the car. Shouldn't those drivers be penalized as well?

If the law is for other reasons, and I can't think of any more, than it surely can be addressed in other ways. Should you wish that drivers pay more attention to the road and other drivers, then ban listening to music on headphones in the car, ban talking to other people in the car, singing in the car, eating in the car, etc...

Ultimately, the end result would be for legitimate business to be out of business. Why would you want that in these difficult times? It doesn't make sense.

I think government should be doing big picture laws that affect what is ailing society and not something that is temporary, doesn't hurt anyone, etc.

Mahalo,
Carter Siu

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 3:46 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: hypntkprincess6@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Angelia Sibert
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Phone: 808-489-4096
E-mail: hypntkprincess6@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I believe as far as modifying audio systems in cars goes it should be a freedom to improve the listening quality of music. Not everyone can afford a brand new car with the latest audio technology so for most people is just improving the sound system the car is equipt with.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Robin McNeal [r.mcneal@powerbassusa.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:58 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178
Attachments: HB1178_.pdf

House Transportation Committee of Hawaii

Dear Committee Members,

It has come to my attention that your committee is considering a ban on certain types of in-vehicle sound systems for automobiles. After a quick read of your proposed legislation, it would appear that this was put together rather hastily without any idea or consideration of types of products are currently available (and have been available for quite some time). The 6.5" speaker size referenced in your draft while common, is certainly not the largest utilized by OEM (Original Equipment Manufactures) for vehicle sound systems. A wide variety of sizes from 6-3/4" to 6x9" are all used by the automakers for nearly every vehicle produced. Therefore if I am reading your draft correctly, it would be illegal to sell, install and service any speaker larger then 6.5". If this is true you would immediately outlaw the mere replacement of a standard 6x9" car speaker which size has been an automotive mainstay for decades both domestic and import vehicles.

Furthermore, it appears that "factory" systems are exempt from this legislation. Certainly this is not fair!

The speakers you are attempting to ban can be found at Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target, Best Buy, Radio Shack, Pep Boys, as well as countless numbers of independent auto parts and mobile electronics dealers. This bill as written will only put people out of work and not solve anything.

As a Sales and Marketing director for a company in the mobile electronics industry, I strongly urge you to reconsider this legislation and its potential ramifications to the retailers and consumers of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Robin McNeal

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE AUDIO EQUIPMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "~~§291-~~ Aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment;
5 excessive sound amplification prohibited. (a) No person shall
6 install, possess, or operate in any motor vehicle an in-dash or
7 mounted radio, cassette tape, compact disc, digital video disc,
8 or digital music device other than the original equipment in
9 which there are:

- 10 (1) Five or more speakers, including subwoofers or any
11 other speakers not installed in the passenger
12 compartment;
13 (2) Any speaker exceeding one hundred watts power output;
14 (3) Any speaker exceeding six and one-half inches in width
15 or height; or
16 (4) Any speaker installed external to the passenger
17 compartment or in an open hatch back.



1 This section shall not apply to original manufacturer equipment
2 installed in the vehicle by the manufacturer or dealer.

3 (b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a
4 violation under section 701-107(5) and shall be enforceable by
5 police officers. The fine for this violation shall be not less
6 than \$25 nor more than \$250 for each separate offense. Any
7 person who violates this section may be issued a summons or
8 citation for such violation.

9 (c) As used in this section, "subwoofer" means a complete
10 loudspeaker dedicated to the reproduction of low-pitched audio
11 frequencies."

12 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun, before its effective date.

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

17

INTRODUCED BY:

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. R. D.", is written over the "INTRODUCED BY:" text.

JAN 25 2011



Report Title:

Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment

Description:

Limits the installation of aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment by prohibiting excessive sound amplification.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.



HB 1178

Opposition statement,

This proposed law goes much too far in an attempt to control disruptive noises being produced by vehicles with sound systems. The proposed law unfairly targets aftermarket stereo equipment and the law abiding citizens that choose to use them when they feel that the OEM provided equipment is not sufficient. While HB 1178 will be effective in eliminating a high percentage of noise violations, It is also very insufficient for three reasons. First, it will deny the consumer the right to choose an audio product that fits their desired listening taste. Second, there are multiple variables that go into sound reproduction and simply eliminating aftermarket stereo equipment will not stop music related sound ordinance violations. Third, this bill will eliminate companies and small businesses that sell or specialize in car audio equipment.

The first reason this proposed law is insufficient is it denies the consumer the right to choose the goods that he/she will be using. Denying the consumer a right to a choice is a recipe for a monopoly and inflated market values on goods. In this case, the auto makers will be able to corner the car audio market and have less incentive to offer audio packages at a fair market value. As it stands now, auto makers have a high incentive to invest in research and development in car audio because a growing number of consumers are realizing that they can purchase a lower model car and customize the audio system (and other features) to fit their listening desires.

Another reason this proposed law will be insufficient is because there are multiple variables to sound travel, both inside and outside of the car. Simply denying the consumer the right to purchase aftermarket equipment will not eliminate most music related noise violations. In the world of car audio, it is virtually impossible to be able to predict how many decibels a sound system is going to produce simply by noting the equipment, whether aftermarket or OEM. The reason for this is every little detail of a car(make, model, interior and exterior modifications, subwoofer enclosure, etc.) has a huge effect on the way that sound will propagate in the vehicle. It is not uncommon to have 2 different make cars with the exact same stereo outfit and one car be 2-3 decibels louder(an obvious difference to the listener). The same is true for sound propagation outside of the car as well, which is why a car with a factory 10 inch subwoofer may not be obnoxious to a driver 1 lane to the left or the right, but very disruptive to a driver 2 cars ahead or 2 houses down the street. Many car audio enthusiasts invest heavily in sound deadening equipment in order to keep the sound in the vehicle, but once again, depending on the list of variables, the effectiveness of the sound deadening equipment will improve or decrease.

The final reason this bill will be insufficient is it will shut down any car audio shop or company that sells or services car audio equipment. There is no point in beating this topic into the ground. Unemployment continues to be an epidemic in this country and introducing legislation that goes out of its way to shut down respectable companies is an outrageous act! With just a simple Google search, you can come across 10 different car

audio shops between Oahu and Maui. An introduction of this legislation would not only destroy a company, but it would also have the capability to destroy an owner's finances (defaulting on a business loan that he/she probably had to struggle to get in the first place).

In closing, this proposed law goes way too far in an attempt to control disruptive noises being produced by vehicles with sound systems. More efforts need to be focused into creating/enforcing noise ordinances since those can be violated with both OEM and Aftermarket stereo systems amongst other things. I urge you to vote against this poor legislation.

-Mathis Gibson IV
Law Abiding Citizen and Car Audio Enthusiast

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:28 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lvmytahoe@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Matthew MacDonald
Organization: Individual
Address: Rancho Cordova, CA
Phone: 9166167080
E-mail: lvmytahoe@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Unconstitutional to decide what can be in someones car as far as audio equipment. How about doing something worth while like making it illegal to let your dog sit on your lap while driving (distracting) The rate your going, it will be illegal to wear a black sweater on any day ending in "Y" while driving. I understand ticketing for loud music. but to say we cant even "HAVE" it in our vehicles is Hitler style politics!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:33 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dts1974@live.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Sanchez
Organization: Individual
Address: 2666 San Dimas Canyon Road La Verne, CA
Phone: 909-592-3986
E-mail: dts1974@live.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill, If you pass this bill you should ban loud motorcycles like Harley Davidson's, automobiles with loud exhaust, diesel trucks, helicopters and airplanes.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Joey [joeyperalta48@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:27 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Hb1178

I'm am writing to oppose hb1178.

If hb1178 is passed it will.

1. Have a devastating effect on hundreds of Hawaii family's putting their bread makers out of work.
2. Lead to illegal installations of the newly banded articles.
3. With out certified installers doing these installations inexperienced persons will attempt to do so on their own witch leads to a huge safety risk.
An improper installation of any electrical component could result in a short circuit that will in turn lead to a fire and very possibly a fatality.
4. Keeping music from vehicles at a respectable listening level is the responsibility of the owner/ operator of the vehicle . Any automobile is capable of exceeding the posted speed limit but it's the operators responsibility to maintain the posted speed limit.

There are many other compromises that may be considered other than the band of aftermarket audio equipment One example being stiffer penalties for offenders and a lower tolerance from authorities.

Thank you,
Joseph K. Peralta

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:09 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: eatshit@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Smith
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: eatshit@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Just wanted to say whoever made up this bullshit ought to be drug out into the street and shot, for one a speaker does not produce power, first thing would do is either move out of the state for doing this, or just blow away anyone who supports. make some real laws and punish the real criminals, not the people that enjoy loud and clear music. quit infringing on our constitutional rights you cocksuckers!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: m.miles02@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Emanuel Miles
Organization: Individual
Address: 86-213 Moeha st & Wai'anae, HI
Phone: (808)478-1927
E-mail: m.miles02@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it will hurt the local economy. Many people make a living off of Car Audio installation. For some people it is the only profession they know. What are the owners of these kinds of shops going to do if this bill is passed? If this bill makes it any further, i will submit a formal testimony. I don't make a living off of this, but i totally understand how important it is to support local industries.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:05 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tirefryr@att.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ryan Mentag
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 574-532-2006
E-mail: tirefryr@att.net
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Are you kidding me? WE are at war and your concern is with stereotypes? Seriously. This is so stupid I don't even know what to say. Typical government run by morons wasting everything to do their bidding.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:58 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Joeyperalta48@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph k. Peralta
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 8088646975
E-mail: Joeyperalta48@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I'm am writing to oppose hb1178. ¶
If hb1178 is passed it will.

1. Have a devastating effect on hundreds of Hawaii family's putting their bread makers out of work.
2. ¶;Lead to illegal installations of the newly banded articles.
3. With out certified installers doing these installations inexperienced persons will attempt to do so on their own witch leads to a huge safety risk.
An improper installation of any electrical component could result in a short circuit that will in turn lead to a fire and very possibly a fatality.
4. ¶;Keeping music from vehicles at a respectable listening level is the responsibility of the owner/ operator of the vehicle . ¶;Any automobile is capable of exceeding the posted speed limit but it's the operators responsibility to maintain the posted speed limit. ¶;

There are many other compromises that may be considered other than the band of aftermarket audio equipment One example being stiffer penalties for offenders and a lower tolerance from authorities. ¶;

Thank you,
Joseph K. Peralta

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: MINA2361@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Rep. Ty Cullen
Cc: Rep. Blake Oshiro; Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino; Rep. Karen Awana; Rep. Rida Cabanilla; Rep. Sharon Har; TRNtestimony
Subject: H>B> No. 1178

Dear Representatives:

I am emailing you regarding the House Bill No. 1178 which if passed would prohibit the installation, possession or operation of any after market music device in any motor vehicle.

My family is one of Hawaii's hardworking small business owners. We have owned and operated Car Stereo Express since 1998. The passage of this bill would be devastating to us and all our employees.

Page 1 lines 4-17 of H.B. No. 1178 would effectively force our store and all the other car audio businesses in the state of Hawaii to close down. All of our business is from the sales and installation of after market audio and video equipment. The closure of our store would impact not only our family but also the families of all of our employees. We currently employ 11 people all of whom have families to support; the lose of their jobs would also result in the loss of their health care coverage.

I suppose this bill came into being as a result of the annoying loud music that some folks blast as they drive down the streets. I understand this concern, but must we all be punished because of the actions of those few albeit loud irresponsible individuals? There is already an ordinance in place that addresses the noise pollution issue. A stricter enforcement of that law would better control the noise issue without penalizing the majority of Hawaii residents who just want to enjoy their music from better quality aftermarket equipment on their way to and from work.

Passing H.B. No. 1178 would only serve to put small businesses like ourselves out of business but would not solve the noise pollution issue. It would only drive consumers to the internet where they can purchase whatever car audio and video products they want. The closure of the car audio shops in the state would cause the state to loose the tax dollars we pay every month. The internet sales of car audio would not pay Hawaii state taxes.

In today's trying economy would it be wise to shut down small businesses and force their employees into the unemployment lines? Our newly elected Governor supports small business and encourages their growth, yet this bill would work in the opposite.

Passage of this bill would greatly restrict the consumers' rights in regard to how they want to listen to their music in their cars and also who they can buy car audio and video equipment from. Page 2 line 1-2 would force consumers to purchase their car audio needs directly from the car manufacturers and dealers. The consumers will then be forced to spend more as these products cost generally 4-5 times more when purchased from a car dealer. For instance a broken car radio can be replaced at our store for as little as \$150 where as the dealer would charge \$600-800 to replace that same item.

I urge you to vote "NO" to Bill 1178. It's not good for economy and not good for consumers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carmina Ahmed

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: smokeumtires@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kaimana
Organization: Individual
Address: Kapaa Hawaii
Phone:
E-mail: smokeumtires@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:43 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: theabunai@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clifford Marcello Jr.
Organization: Individual
Address: 99-1030 Halawa Heights Rd
Phone: 8083982009
E-mail: theabunai@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I thought the new laws were supposed to be HELPING small businesses in hawaii... This bill effectively SHUTS THEM DOWN...

I personally will be using my website with over 4,000 members to assure that the politicians who approve this will NOT get our vote come re-election... I am also a Union worker and i will strongly urge my union to oppose this bill and the politicians that support it...

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:37 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: meehanm001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: matthew meehan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: meehanm001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:31 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Phillysphonest@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: nathan mccutchen
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Phillysphonest@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mtx28645@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: matt
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mtx28645@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:11 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: darkmage1991@live.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: corey
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: darkmage1991@live.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:51 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bhirayama12@punahou.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: brad Hirayama
Organization: Individual
Address: bhirayama12@punahou.edu waipahu
Phone: 8083420347
E-mail: bhirayama12@punahou.edu
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: COREY_1@q.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Corey Miller
Organization: Individual
Address: 142 2nd street Idaho Falls, ID
Phone: 208-351-2650
E-mail: COREY_1@q.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I think this is absurd, you are going to be putting pepole out of work, and there are more pepole who foolow the rules and have there car audio for the family.. they should not ban thiss becuase of a few bad apples.. go give they dew who abuse there car audio tickets.. but to flat try to ban the sale of them is totaly wrong..

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:47 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: COREY_1@q.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Corey Miller
Organization: Individual
Address: 142 2nd street Idaho Falls, ID
Phone: 208-351-2650
E-mail: COREY_1@q.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:45 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: topperm3@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mackenzie Topper
Organization: Individual
Address: 1041 South Oxford Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Phone: 3133192508
E-mail: topperm3@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Robert Kronenberg [rak.maui@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:43 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Derek Pace
Subject: HB 1178

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to express my concern and absolute opposition to House Bill 1178. Here is another example of over regulation by government. In a time of economic hardship for our state, why would you legislate something that will affect people's jobs and livelihood? This is needless legislation and the House should concentrate on more important matters than how loud a car radio is!

Sincerely yours,
Robert A. Kronenberg
1032 S. Kihei Road, Apt #B417
Kihei, Hi 96753
808-250-5558

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:42 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: soaresdms@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donovan Soares
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: soaresdms@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:40 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ssfdmsams@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sheree Soares
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ssfdmsams@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

What will happen to all the self-employed business that sell these products? Do you want more business going bankrupt and more employees going on unemployment? I thought we were trying to avoid this! There are more important things that we need to be worried about than the sounds in a vehicle.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jaakmyster@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jaumahd Kendricks
Organization: Individual
Address: Waco, Texas
Phone:
E-mail: jaakmyster@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This bill is unbelievable. Plenty of people make a hobby as well as a LIVING out of Car Audio. What kind of sense does it make to put companies in the dirt and destroy the livelihood of people who are gifted with technical genius and have such passion in their field? How fair is that? What happens to freedom of speech? What happens to freedom of expression? If this should pass and spread to other states it will be the death of an industry and with the slim pickings of today's economy what sense does that make?

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: altoncustomtech@caraudio.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shannon Alton
Organization: Individual
Address: 9908 E Harrison Rd Monroe City, IN
Phone: 8123801003
E-mail: altoncustomtech@caraudio.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

From what I read and understand of this Bill it sounds as if the State Government of Hawaii is trying to undermine and take away simply one of many hobbies that people and enthusiasts can find appealing. To what purpose I might ask as well? What would anyone gain from passing such a Bill into law? As a matter of fact, the Hawaiian Government would be robbing themselves out of a multitude of tax dollars just to make someone happy. Not only would the people not be able to own or purchase the products, but the shops and businesses which sell it will be forced to go out of business and there goes even more tax dollars. No one has ever been hurt, murdered or maimed by this hobby, and for the small amount of frustration it may cause some people to hear other peoples music, there are a lot of good things that can come of supporting such a hobby. With organizations like DbDRAG, IASCA, MECA and others who sponsor and sanction car audio events, there's an outlet there for today's youth to spend their time and effort on as opposed to spending it trying drugs, having sex, and destroying public property. In closing, to pass this Bill will surely have more and worse consequences than anyone may yet realize.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Bobby Carlos [bobc04@ymail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:28 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Bill HB1178

Hi,

I am emailing this testimony is regards to Bill HB1178. A lot of people see car audio as way that some people disturb the peace and quite of the public. I for one have been into the car audio hobby for 7 years and am real upset about this bill trying to get passed along. The people in this industry have one thing in common and that is love of music. We love the way we can hear the different instruments from each speaker as if there was a performance right in front of us. Now there are already laws in place to limit the volume level of cars sound systems. Why do you have to put laws in place on the equipment we can own? By passing this bill you would not only a lot of small businesses out of business but a lot of great people that i like to call my friends out of business. There are other equipment out there such as an exhaust from a motorcycle that far exceeds most stereo equipment in peoples audio equipment. With this email and testimony i guess what im trying to say it would be an awful mistake to pass this bill. This should always be about noise level and not equipment owned.

Thank You for you time.

Bobby Carlos

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:22 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: phido@insightbb.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Phi Do
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: phido@insightbb.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

What will this do to the businesses that rely on car audio? Is there really nothing else that really NEEDS attention? There are a small group that you only see that give the rest of the car audio world a bad name. We hate noise at 2am as well but this bill is just ridiculous. Make a bill that requires cars to be reinforced to keep sound in. That is what true car audio enthusiasts do.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: marshall lum [eight08bids@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:23 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB NO. 1178

HI there i oppose this bill NO 1178 that bans Aftermarket stereo systems in automobiles.

This ban is truly targeting automotive enthusiast and there hobbies. Banning aftermarket stereos will have an economic effect on Hawaii's economy because millions of dollars are spent on aftermarket stereos. Stereo shops will have to close down because it would be illegal to install listed items.

If these systems are being banned because of the loudness it has why not ban house stereos sound sound systems also. I feel car enthusiast are the main targets in this bill. Everyone has the right to install in there personal vehicles an aftermarket stereo system. I feel this is going above and beyond Hawaii's peoples rights. This bill will not save any life's. Hawaii car enthusiast already have no race track, and have to deal with a failed system called RECON what more are you going to throw at this automotive aftermarket industry where many are hurting already.

Please throw out this ridiculous bill that TARGETS AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIAST. What next we can't change the wheels on our cars? Or we can't wash our cars?

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:33 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: angelesrosario@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Angeles del Rosario
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: angelesrosario@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:33 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kkaaialii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Keith kaaialii
Organization: Individual
Address: Wahiawa, hi
Phone:
E-mail: kkaaialii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This isn't even a bug issue in our state. Instead of trying to dictate what we spend our money on or what we put in our PERSONAL vehicles, fix the bullshit budget crisis that plagues our state. We car audio hobbyist are respectful and responsible individuals who share a common passion for audio, Please do NOT try to take it away....

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:28 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Angelic55467@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jaime Ahmed
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Angelic55467@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:25 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: sahmed1658@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Sadi Ahmed
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sahmed1658@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Peter Hatanaka [xs_hi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:13 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 09, 2011
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB1178

Tesimony of Peter Hatanaka

Chair Souki and members of the committee,

In regards to HB1178, I strongly urge the committee to vote against this measure. I do not know why this issue is up for legislation but can only speculate that it is due to complaints about excessive sound coming from vehicles. To my knowledge, we already have laws in place to deal with these problems. Passing of this bill will ultimately cost tax payer dollars, tax revenue and jobs.

Thank you,

Peter Hatanaka

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:07 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: zonz141310@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Maria Jantzen
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: zonz141310@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:47 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lacboitdh@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jon Tyler
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lacboitdh@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:00 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: worldwideind@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David
Organization: Individual
Address: 92-7025 Elele St Kapolei, Hi 96707
Phone: 808-330-3783
E-mail: worldwideind@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:
I believe this is an anti-small business bill!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:46 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bobc04@ymail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Carlos
Organization: Individual
Address: 67 1729 Alaneo Pl Kamuela, HI
Phone: 808 885 8423
E-mail: bobc04@ymail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: world wide [worldwideind@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:36 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: No to HB1178

Aloha,

My name is David Escalera, I am a voter and a business owner here in the State of Hawaii and I oppose House Bill 1178. I believe any law, any legislation that supports this House Bill is an attack on Small Business, and our rights as consumers to make intelligent decisions with our money.

Please oppose any legislation and or variation of this bill that would hurt our State and the state of small business in this tough economic time.

Thank you for your continued support!

David Escalera

808-330-3783

From: Jeff Donia [jdonia1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:18 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1178

To whom it may concern,

I have been a car/truck enthusiast for over 15 years. Among installing engine, suspension and body parts for my vehicles for pure enjoyment, sharing with friends and entertainment at car show events. Having an after market stereo for me is the biggest part of the creativity I express for my vehicles. My passion for music is what drives me to spend my very own hard earned money to purchase and install "after market stereo" in my vehicles. I believe that to stop people from installing "after market stereo" is really telling me how to spend my money that I have earned.

If this "Bill" has been brought up due to "Peace Disturbance" then let's not only target "after market stereo". It just does not make any sense to me because a "factory installed stereo" can very well cause "Peace Disturbance" just as a "factory exhaust" on a Harley/Chopper can.

As far as the Five or more speakers, including subwoofers or any other speakers not installed in the passenger compartment; Any speaker exceeding one hundred watts power output; Any speaker exceeding six and one-half inches in width or height; or Any speaker installed external to the passenger compartment or in an open hatch back;

Being a Car Sales person, the new vehicles already come "factory installed" with five speakers and a subwoofer. Also these cars/trucks have 8" subwoofers with well over 100 watts in power output. There are also "after market" options the consumer can purchase (who want to "spend" the extra money), for example Toyota you can upgrade the "factory stereo" to a JL Audio system, which a lot of Car Audio Shops sell in their stores, which to me

does not fall as "or As original equipment". With that being said let's target the Car Dealers as well.

I am not trying to point fingers. All Im trying to do is protect my hobby that I have been enjoying for the past 15 years. So Im asking you, if you had a passion for something and some one was trying to take it away, what would you do? Please do not pass this bill. Thank you for your time and understanding. Have a great day!

Sincerely,
Jeff D.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:42 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: that_001_kid@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: David Adkins
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: that_001_kid@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This bill is absolutely absurd. How can one justify shutting legit businesses down? The car audio shops will go out of business. The entire country is in a state of recession. This is immoral. There is a huge following when it comes to car audio. It is a sport for a certain group of people. They do nothing illegal. They are all hard working Americans. This bill passing will result in the downfall of an entire Hawaiian industry. This bill should not pass.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kitkat2361@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Mina del Rosario
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kitkat2361@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:34 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: segron99@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Susan del Rosario
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: segron99@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Craig [craigkokubun@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:50 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: After market automobile equipment

There is a rumor out that you plan to stop the sale and installation of aftermarket equipment such as stereos. I paid taxes for more than 10 years selling car stereo and you will kill the industry here. I knew at least 100 people at the time that depended on the sale of automobile accessories and they all paid taxes. Scratch that off your budget!!! How do you support small business by attacking the car owner? Our Car are our cars and you should keep your laws our of our cars. Pass this and make it a law and I believe the Hawaii people will not vote you back in for your next term! Please leave our cars alone.
Craig K

Sent from my iPhone

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: splzx3@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: splzx3
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: splzx3@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Jg2392@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jorge Garcia
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Jg2392@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:30 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: chad_agwing@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hayden Canlett
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: chad_agwing@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Seriously? This isn't even a problem, there are so many other issues where the law could be enforced. This doesn't just apply to car enthusiasts and small businesses (talk about free market), but it also applies to tax payers.

This is where your dues applied people.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:33 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Kekoanui@Hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Kekoa Graham
Organization: Individual
Address: 1628 poki st apt 305 Honolulu, hi
Phone:
E-mail: Kekoanui@Hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

It is illegal to skate on the sidewalk, but legal to own a skateboard. It is legal to own a baseball bat, but illegal to hit someone in the head with it. This is a weak and ineffectual solution to what can only be described as a very limited problem. Think of the hobbyists that will now be criminals and the small business owners struggling through this harsh economic landscape. Think of the installers that will be out of work. This has no hope of effective enforcement and can even be unconstitutional.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:54 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: buick@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jackson lee
Organization: Individual
Address: honolulu hawaii
Phone: 864-7548
E-mail: buick@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

This bill will greatly impact me, my family and the Hawaii car audio industry. I have a family of 7 to support and love what I do. I have been a car audio enthusiasts for over 25 years and work in the car audio industry for 19 years now. This bill does not make any sense with flaws. And why does this bill no apply to oem? OEM is poor quality that is why many upgrade and go aftermarket. I know there is some that "over do it" but this is where this comes into affect sec. 41-31.1. so the police has to enforce the law or someone needs to call 911 and make a complaint. Many of use do play their music with the windows roll up but some oem "stock stereo systems" can be heard over 30ft away and i see many oem systems that has over 5 speakers most comes standard with a 6 speaker system. That is why you must not let this bill pass. Think how this will affect everyone in the car audio industry in Oahu.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:52 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ticgar_89@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Edgar pedrina JR
Organization: Individual
Address: 86-113 farrington hwy waianae,HI
Phone: 8083888458
E-mail: ticgar_89@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I really oppose this law you are trying to pass. A lot of people has put a lot of time and money in putting in a stereo system into their cars, truck and suv and a lot of people make a living with it. If you pass this law people are going to lose jobs and like everyone already knows its not easy to find a job and keep it now days. you might not see that but you can really ruin someones life...but we sure can. Audio shop and custom car shops everyone that lives their life's off car audio will lose their jobs. They could just be surviving out in this world. what about the people that spent thousands of dollars on audio equipment what are we suppose to do just throw all that away cause we cant even have it in our cars anymore. Car audio is our passion something we work hard for and is something that we've been doing for a long time and now you want to just come and tell us that everything we worked hard on and spend endless time and money on is no longer legal and its nothing now! i just cant see the reason why this law should be passed we get tagged for playing our music to loud, its the same as if we get caught speeding. you dont ban our car off the road just for breaking that law. Believe it or not car audio is a other way for some people to stay out of trouble because we love it and it keeps us busy and we wouldn't want to do anything but that. One thing i loved about hawaii is how diffrent and free it was here. we was one of the only states that actually pop fireworks not like the mainland but now we can only pop so much or not at all from what i hear I'm not really to sure on whats going on with that. How it doesn't matter how you look we wont hate you because your diffrent. but now we are getting worst, i don't want to tell my friends in the mainland that we aren't even aloud to have car audio equipment in our cars anymore now that is just down right unfair and sad. All i can say is i oppose this law and i hope to god that it does not pass!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:53 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jyt808@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jared Tomisato
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jyt808@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Erin Ushijima [erinush@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Opposition to HB 1178

Hello. I would like to state my opposition to HB 1178. People should have the option to change or add aftermarket audio items to their vehicles. Similar to how people love to have quality sound in their home theaters, there are many, many more people who love to have quality sound in their vehicles. People spend so much time in their vehicles today, and technology is being updated so quickly, it is ridiculous to suggest such a ban! Recently, there was a ban on using digital devices in our vehicles, such as talking on a cell phone. Aftermarket decks ALLOW people, like myself, to be legal, and use Bluetooth technology through an aftermarket deck and speakers instead of holding onto the cell phone. Not everyone wants to use the Bluetooth earpiece, or is able to buy a newer car that comes with these features.

Besides just wanting to have quality sound and new technology/convenience, car audio has also been a hobby for people for years. There are competitions here and throughout the country that measure the decibels a vehicle can put out, as well as competitions on the appearance of audio installations. With a ban like this, you take away these hobbies and competitions, as well as shut down businesses who sell and install these products.

There are also many businesses who use these products in their company vehicles. They need to add aftermarket products to their vehicles to be able to use things like GPS, Bluetooth, and reverse cameras (need a screen to see what's on the camera). This would be another bunch of people who would suffer from this ban.

Basically, aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment offers way more than just "noise", as some people may think. The customers who purchase all these aftermarket audio equipment come from all walks of life--from doctors and teachers, to business owners and celebrities, even the homeless who live out of their vehicles. Please consider all this. I urge the committee to oppose HB 1178. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Erin Ushijima

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Eugene Tagawa [ktagawae001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:32 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today to register my opposition to the proposed House Bill 1178 (Amended Chapter 291) in which aftermarket audio equipment in a vehicle is the focus. It is unreasonable to prohibit individuals from installing aftermarket audio equipment in their vehicles based on what is included in this bill. Why should everyone have to pay for the few that play their music loud? I think the focus should be on enforcement of the noise ordinances instead of putting aftermarket equipment manufacturers and retailers out of business. Please take all of these things into consideration before passing this bill.

Thank you,

Eugene Tagawa

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:25 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tammylyn.perry@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tammy-Lyn Perry
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tammylyn.perry@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: young chu [yccalpha@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:17 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: opposing house bill 1178

Aloha my name is young chu i am a 50 year old hawaii citizen. for as long as i have lived car audio has been a pleasure for many. we live in the most beautiful place in the world and ever since i was young i would drive over the island and to the beach enjoying my aftermarket car audio. the subwoofer i know can be annoying, but one bad seed cant ruin it for the whole group. if this was the outline for everything all of our freedom should be taken away because all things can be abused in the wrong way such as motorcycles and even to driving a regular car. just because some people speed and drive intoxicated does that mean cars should be banned? No so why should car audio subwoofers be banned. many people use them to enjoy life and create relationships and they do it as a hobby. i myself have spent many hours with my own sons installing a subwoofer to our own car. those times i had with my family are priceless and this bill will just ruin these precious moments for the future generations. i oppose this bill because it is basically taking our freedom as an american to have a hobby and to enjoy life in a way we love. mahalo

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:24 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: twin_turbo_infiniti_g35@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ryan Forsythe
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: [twin turbo infiniti g35@yahoo.com](mailto:twin_turbo_infiniti_g35@yahoo.com) Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:22 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: s_domondon@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Sheena Domondon
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: s_domondon@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it takes away my RIGHT TO CHOOSE---to choose to have a nice sound system in my car. What are you going to take a way next? I don't see why this is an issue at all and there are more important things that should be dealt with like the ECONOMY and UNEMPLOYMENT rate.

Think about the local businesses. This bill is going to affect them. This businesses have employees that will lose their jobs. These employees have families they support, to feed, kids that needs to go to school. Be sides, you as the government should be helping local businesses and NOT CONTRIBUTE TO UNEMPLOYMENT and this FALLING ECONOMY.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Christopher Chu [chui808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:09 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: opposing house bill 1178

aloha my name is christopher chu i am a car audio enthusiast. i am messaging you to oppose the house bill 1178. i agree car audio that is played excessively loudly may be bad for the public but at the same time many such as myself use car audio as a way to escape real life stress and enjoy and relax to great sounding music. what i am saying is please dont ruin it for the rest of us due to some bad seeds. the representative who is proposing this bill says he represents small businesses. the only thing he is doing is destroying small businesses. car audio has been around for ages and it is something people love to enjoy. some people have a hobby to play basketball or swim or surf many such as myself are interested in car audio to make daily life more enjoyable. house bill 1178 is making our beautiful state of hawaii more like a prison by not letting us express our selves and our cars which many people feel is representing them. mahalo for your time i hope you can understand where many hawaii citizens are coming from and oppose this bill. taking away car audio is destroying hawaii's economy by crashing alot of small businesses, and taking a big part of many peoples lives away.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:12 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: valbero58@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: victor albero
Organization: Individual
Address: MAASIN CITY PHILIPPINES
Phone: 0916-514-5531
E-mail: valbero58@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

i have family in hawaii son, daughter and lots of friends that own a car, nobody can dictates me or us what kind (size) of car speakers we will put in our car...or what we buy...we have the RIGHT TO CHOOSE!!!!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:09 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: smundon@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Skye K. Mundon
Organization: Individual
Address: 1016 7th Ave. Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 8085548430
E-mail: smundon@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:06 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: itfknr@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nevan S. Barrett
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: itfknr@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Passing this bill will hurt dozens of local businesses and will also give more power to the dealerships and force us to buy from them. I support local businesses regardless how much cheaper it could be online. Hundreds and thousands of people customize their stereo to their liking.

How would one enforce this bill? We already lack the man power with the police force as it already is. There are hundreds and thousands of vehicles on the road daily. So how would one go and check all those vehicles? I am full supportive of harsher penalties for those who abuse the decibel law, but to ban aftermarket equipment is insanity.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:01 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bazodezignz@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bazel Larosa
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bazodezignz@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:06 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: nvsracer88@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nick
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: nvsracer88@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This bill is a waste of money to taxpayers and a detriment to the economy. Also, people should have the right to an alternative to aftermarket equipment installed in their vehicle regarding audio equipment. Original equipment for audio systems installed by the factory is expensive, and for older cars, obsolete. Prohibiting the sale of audio equipment to be installed in vehicles does not make the vehicles any safer.

Being a State Licensed Safety Inspector, checking vehicles for aftermarket audio equipment will require more time and labor to which the current safety inspection does not cover. Furthermore, the customer is not required to open the trunk for us to inspect what is inside and is an intrusive procedure to add. Police officers have a lot on their plate already and you want more from them with such little resources. Getting the public to report noise polluting vehicles would be a better solution rather than to outlaw aftermarket audio equipment. Not all the people who purchase the equipment break the law, and this will only punish those who can't afford to replace factory radios with factory parts.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:21 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tynman3198@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Terrance Ritter
Organization: Individual
Address: 98-410 Koauka Loop #18G Aiea, HI
Phone: 8086731944
E-mail: tynman3198@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kanaktion@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: George
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kanaktion@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:49 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Fillirican2004@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Christopher Cariaga Jr
Organization: Individual
Address: 87-186 Hakimo Rd Waianae, HI
Phone: 808-306-2635
E-mail: Fillirican2004@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:07 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: fadsjf@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: bob
Organization: Individual
Address: honolulu HI
Phone:
E-mail: fadsjf@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
you guys are fucking retarded. end of story.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:46 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: stacey@staceypets.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stacey Urasaki
Organization: Individual
Address: 333 Kilauea Avenue Hilo
Phone:
E-mail: stacey@staceypets.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Lee Chiminiello [arleeta@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:59 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Hawaiian Bill #1178

I, Robert A. Chiminiello, just want to voice my opposition to this Bill 1178. As a consumer, I am currently trying to upgrade my audio system. This Bill would not only prevent me from doing this, it would prevent me from enjoying the music I like to listen to while driving. This is not only about me, but everyone else who enjoys music while in their vehicles. I strongly urge you not to pass this Bill 1178.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Chiminiello Sr.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:03 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mailtosh@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: T Henderson
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mailtosh@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:26 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ndmorgan@radford.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nick Morgan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ndmorgan@radford.edu
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Minh Pham Ho [minh7@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:11 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House bill 1178

To whoever it concern:

I think that this bill is a very bad idea. Times are already tough in this recession and with the passing with this bill, will make life harder for many people. There are many businesses that has been running for years and people that devoted most of there life to car audio. Their love and passion for their work is all they know. It's their profession. With the ban of car audio will put many people out there with no jobs. Times are already hard with the recession that we are experiencing at the moment. This bill will only create another catastrophe just like what happened to teachers with furlough Fridays.

I think that this is unnecessary at the moment seeing how car audio doesn't create much of a problem for our community. There may be some people that abuse what they have but who doesn't abuse anything nowadays. A person with a car may drive over the speed limit does not mean we can ban all cars in our state.

I have a friend that owns an audio shop. This is something he has been working with most of his life. It would be awful to see him suffer because of this bill. Don't make every person in the car audio business suffer because of the way that abuse the law. I have another friend that just opened an audio shop on the 5th of February, 2011. It would not be fair for his business to be open for four days just to be running out of business.

It would be a tragedy because of all the money spent, invested, and the money that will be lost. I see this as worse than furlough Fridays for teacher because this applies to all car audio shop owners and workers. And there are probably over 50 audio shops here in Hawaii. Owners, workers, and all families of those will be affected greatly. This will continue to add to our recession we currently face and create even harder times when times are hard enough.

I hope whoever this email goes to realize how much more loss there would be comparing to gain. It's really just "less noisy cars on the streets" compared to "Hundred of people losing jobs and their families are also affected by it."

Sincerely,
Minh

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:57 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mike_merriman72@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Merriman
Organization: Individual
Address: danville, indiana
Phone:
E-mail: mike_merriman72@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Greg Barnes [lazigreg@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:15 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessio...ls/HB1178_.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

I saw this in a thread on DIYMA, I really hope it is a joke-if it is please excuse my mail.

I am not a Hawaii resident, nor even an American citizen but I feel that the proposed bill is an affront to human liberties and an absolute disgrace.

America is known as "The Land of The Free" and this bill is removing one of those freedoms-the freedom to express one's self.

I cannot think why you would introduce such a draconian law, motorcycle exhausts are louder and more intrusive than most stereo systems, most car audio enthusiasts are law abiding citizens who choose to spend their time perusing an almost un-achievable goal and generally respecting those around them. I'd be surprised if you didn't already have laws about noise levels which would be suitable to curtail offences by persistent "loud" car audio users. You can legally own guns, which make more noise and kill people!

I work in the car audio industry, we are constantly miss-perceived by the law enforcement of most of the World's countries as a few users choose to play their system excessively loudly. This is not the fault of the industry, just as people who speed in their cars are not the fault of the automotive industry and people who shoot innocents are not the fault of the gun industry. The car audio industry employs a huge amount of people and those in Hawaii will lose their lively hoods if this law is passed.

Dog the Bounty Hunter appears to be your islands' largest export and I'd be far more concerned about his show and the damage it does to the World's view of your islands than the noise from a few car stereo systems-I'd always thought of Hawaii as idyllic until I saw his show-which would make me think twice about visiting your islands, if this law is passed I wouldn't visit out of principle! I'm sure others would feel the same.

If you cannot find a more suitable route to curbing the noise issue caused by a few irresponsible users you really should not be in control of the islands at all.

Greg Barnes

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ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: David Stahl [David.Stahl@rockfordcorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:15 AM
To: toTRNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: House Bill 1178

It is very important that this bill does not pass. Here in Arizona we have certain sound ordinance laws to abide by – I believe your area should do the same. To pass this bill would put hundreds of people out of a job and impact many many others around the rest of the United States. Please reconsider!

David Stahl
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ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: jenaliemore@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:44 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1178

To Whom it may Concern

I am writing in concern of House Bill 1178. I want to express how very communist like this bill sounds. Please explain how it is American to tell us how and what we are allowed to spend our hard earned money on or what we are allowed to put in our own personal belongings such as our cars. By passing a bill such as this one do you realize how many steps backward our state would be taking. It is bad enough the a good bit of the nation sees our state behind with education among things let's not give them anything else to talk about. It would not be in our states favor to have wasted the time, thought, effort, & tax payers dollars for a bill like this.

Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:02 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: petelinda66@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jose Cruz
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: petelinda66@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Matthew Yerger [myerger@kenwoodusa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:37 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: The bill is HB1178

I know that I am not a resident of Hawaii, however this bill is that will great affect the field I work in. In these tough times, retailers big and small are struggling to make it. This bill being proposed to ban all sales of speakers 6.5" larger will cripple the local independent retailer. It will basically put them out of business. For or what, a speaker that is to big? This is almost as ridiculous as Wisconsin bill that banned the yo-yo water ball! If you ban loud speakers then you must ban Harley Davidson motorcycles they are louder than a 6.5" speakers and absolutely more damaging to the ears. I have many friends in Hawaii that have been in the car audio business for many years, if you pass this bill you will be responsible for putting them out of business.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Aaron M [ame6349@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:50 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

Hi,

I am a concerned citizen in reference to this Bill.

I am an audio enthusiast of the highest extent... This bill is in direct opposition of my freedom to do what I like with my property..

I don't want to get into a long drawn out anything as to why..

I DO want you to understand I UNDERSTAND WHY this is being considered, but limiting EVERYONE because a FEW don't get it, is simply WRONG....

Rather than limiting people, TRIPLE or QUADRUPLE your car audio noise ordinance fines... and have an increasing scale for repeated offenders..

None of us want to be sitting at a cafe, trying to have lunch, and have a car pull up at the light BLASTING "fuck bitches, get money" none of us that have any taste, that is..

Thank you,
Aaron

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Dustin Morey [uncl3fat@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:05 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jsamp@abt.com
Subject: A ban on the installation of aftermarket stereo equipment?

A ban on the installation of aftermarket stereo equipment?

Not in my lifetime!!!

I am disgusted that your fine state is even considering such legislation. You could add to the bill an outlaw of guns, liquor, toilet paper, and countless other harmless joys of life. Each of the aforementioned items can be used in an irresponsible manner and cause considerable problems. Imagine a world where your neighborhood was plastered every morning with toilet paper from vandals under the age of ten, on skateboards. You could fine them by the linear foot of toilet paper used. And double the fine if their primary mode of transportation was a skateboard. That would teach them. On a more serious note, outlaw alcohol and guns. Lots of death and carnage could be avoided by taking them away. No more drunk drivers killing people. No more drive by shootings. But wait. It's unconstitutional to outlaw those things. Why don't you consider what you are doing. Fine the people who are disturbing the peace by playing their stereo loud like you have for years. Owning a gun isn't a problem while shooting a fellow person is. Owning a stereo of 1500 watts is not the problem. Jerks driving through residential neighborhoods with their stereo at full volume at 11:56 at night is a problem. Maybe the problem is individual citizens. Maybe Hawaii should consider importing some officers from my town. Kids come into my stereo shop complaining about getting a ticket for playing their stereo loud on occasion. The stereos that I install for adults and primarily pay my bills never seem to have a problem simply because they are responsible with their volume knobs. For you to threaten the industry that I know and love is insulting to me as an American. I make my living selling car stereos. Close down Harley Davidson motorcycle shops, their exhaust systems annoy me. Ban babies, their crying in public is getting on my nerves. Maybe you should address the problem not the source like every other piece of responsible legislation. Gun registration is a good idea. A legal drinking age is a good idea. Selling 50 rolls of toilet paper to a hoard of kids on skateboards probably isn't a good idea but it isn't illegal. You really should rethink your legislation.

Dustin Morey
847.345.8273
uncl3fat@yahoo.com

I for one am going to continue buying my toilet paper in bulk and using it responsibly!!!!
Grow up Hawaii.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:49 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: chase.quinn.91@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chase Quinn
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: chase.quinn.91@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

The passing of this bill will be a deadening blow to the world of car audio enthusiasts. I do not feel that a law to this extent is fair to all of the business owners and individuals who enjoy car audio in addition to the suffering blow that will result in not only owners, but workers at car audio stores in Hawaii, the negative possible consequences of losing everything that they have worked effortlessly to attain. I do not have a problem with sound ordinances and feel that there are certain times/locations where loud music should not be tolerated, however it is unfair to hard working honest American individuals whom take great pride in their craftsmanship to lose their jobs over a select group of rude individuals. I do hope that you will take my comments into regard and do not rule in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your time and God Bless America,

Chase Quinn Cooper

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:04 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dad9599@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: scott s
Organization: Individual
Address: 1407 w philadelphia st york pa
Phone: 7176763264
E-mail: dad9599@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This to me would be like taking the freedom of speech away from someone and is wrong.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: imji553n@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Justin Edwards
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: imji553n@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This bill just seems so unconstitutional. To infringe upon our rights how is the government going to tell a "free" American citizen what to do with their own car. Americans spend 15-20 hours a week in their car which is one of the top 3 places they spend their whole life, nobody should tell somebody else to do something with their own vehicle. Not to mention economy and enforcement. Your actually going to pay more money out of this diminishing economy to enforce some law about music??? GO FIND DRUG DEALERS OR MURDERERS, use the money to help out schools more or fix the roads. It seems like this is just an immature outrage by somebody who got mad once in their life because they heard some music.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ohmanjf@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Frank
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 302-528-4863
E-mail: ohmanjf@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This Bill that is being proposed if passed will affect not only the economy of Hawaii, but the economy of the entire United States. It will shut down businesses and cause more unemployment to hurt the government even more. The government does not need to be passing laws that will hurt people's ability to provide for themselves and their family.

Audio installation is not only a passion for us, but a lifestyle. IT helps us express ourselves in a way that we haven't been able to do anywhere else. This is our art. It relieves our stress and helps us enjoy our music. Music is just a freedom of speech, and all we're doing is listening to the rights of Americans. You plan to take our hard earned money, time, and passion away from us. We're a positive affect on society by keeping ourselves and other off the streets where they could be getting drunk, doing drugs, or other criminal activities. The ability and knowledge that is actually required to build and properly install is something most individuals will never understand. We teach ourselves about electronic, wood working, fiberglass, metal fabrication, and use some complex mathmatic equations that help keep our mind sharp and ever growing. These can and are used in other parts of society and are used as our jobs.

This bill can not be passed because you dont understand the deep connection we all share with our music and it will be a start to more finacal trouble for the U.S. economy.

Thank you,
John Frank

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: steve1987@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Steven Pelto
Organization: Individual
Address: 63 homesdale ave southington,CT
Phone:
E-mail: steve1987@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
why this is America if someone wants to buy and install some speakers they should be allowed to no questions asked

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:22 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rav4toyboy@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Raymie A. Fukumoto
Organization: Individual
Address: 94-227 Kupueu place Waipahu, hi
Phone: 808-688-1279
E-mail: rav4toyboy@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I would like to advise all committee members that a bill of this nature will diminish jobs. I feel the members should be looking to grow industry and create opportunities. This bill is a waste of time and resources. Is it the position of rep. Oshiro to not look to the future of the aftermarket car industry in Hawaii?

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Snider, Adam [adam.snider@americantv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:04 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

This bill not only violates ones rights, but also will put many people out of jobs. Just because someone has a subwoofer or new speakers in their car does not mean they are going around blasting their music at full volume. What needs to happen is sound ordinances need to be put into place and enforced, not take away everyones right to listen to music and tell them what equipment cant be put into ones car. This is a terrible bill and will completely wipe out an entire industry and many jobs in Hawaii. Please do not pass this bill and put peoples live in shambles by making them lose their career!

Sincerely, Adam Snider. American TV

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:50 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jasonboydsr@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jasonboydsr@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:31 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tdavisinva@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: Banning Audio.docx

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tyler Davis
Organization: Individual
Address: 1016 Pleasant Ridge Dr. Chesapeake, Virginia
Phone: 7573755526
E-mail: tdavisinva@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Please take into consideration the negative impacts this could have on the economy.

To whom it may concern,

This bill is not only unlawful, but extremely reckless to the economy. First off, it is an individual's own freedom to own and operate any aftermarket stereo system, no matter how loud, or obnoxious it may seem to other onlookers and listeners. People have been listening to loud music for centuries. Those who do not care to listen can continue on their way, while others may choose to stay and listen.

Now for the reckless portion: car audio sales stimulate the economy and provide jobs for many people. Audio stores, companies, manufacturing plants, install shops, private installer, and anything else that has a remotely close relation to the car audio business will be severely economically hurt because of this bill. Our economy is already not doing so well, why would you even think of damaging it even more? This bill WILL lead to future unemployment and empty pockets.

There is much more I can elaborate on, but I am too frustrated by even imagining this bill coming into play. I hope you take a serious look at the negative impacts this could create.

As a compromise, maybe post restrictions on areas where the loud music could be played such as residential areas.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: papiobb777@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: Bill1178.rtf

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kelvin Nishida
Organization: Individual
Address: Hawaii
Phone:
E-mail: papiobb777@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Aloha to all of our House and Senate members,

I am coming to you for help on not letting House Bill 1178 pass to become law.

I ask this for me and all those who go to the local car stereo shops that do this as a hobby. For those community members that do this to stay out of trouble.

A good example is I had a father of one of the teens that visit the car stereo shop often tell me that "he is glad that his son found something good to do. It helps keep him out of trouble from the peer pressure's of drugs, alcohol and other bad influences. It also has shown his talents that he never knew he was capable of doing";

We have also used our car's with stereo systems in it to help collect donations for Toys for Tots by doing a car show. We used the tv video systems to show christmas shows for the people to watch. We also show our cars off every year at the Keiki Fest on Maui at MCC which benefits those keiki that can't afford to go to events like our Maui County Fair. In hopes that we can get at least inspire one or more keiki interested in a good career path and encourage them to stay in school.

It also lets peoples talents shine at car shows and other types of gatherings. It has interested people like me to get into learning more about cars and electronics and in which it has helped me in my career.

The other reason for not passing this bill is that it will put alot of Local small business's and large business's out of business and then you will have more people added to the unemployment numbers and we are already struggling as is.

Also, it is a good alternative to buying replacement OEM parts for those who don't have that kind of money for them. Aftermarket product are priced right for those on a budget as opposed to spending like \$500.00 or more for a basic OEM stereo not including labor.

All in all we ask that you please reconsider passing this bill. It is like a part of the culture for the kids in Hawaii and those adult who are still kids at heart.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:18 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kmmhiga@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: HB1178.doc

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kylie Higa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kmmhiga@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I oppose the bill HB1178. If passed, this bill will also greatly affect the many owners and workers of car audio businesses. I am personally closely related to someone who has owned a car audio business for many years. Passing this bill will mean he will no longer have a business and the means to support his family. The passing of this bill will be detrimental and especially during these hard economic times will make matters worst for Hawaii residents affiliated with the car audio business. This bill also takes away the freedom of car owners to do as they wish to their own property. Altering car audio has become so prevalent in Hawaii, especially amongst the younger generations and even brings about camaraderie. People can be seen sharing their custom jobs amongst friends and even strangers in car crews. It would be a shame to see this new culture surrounding car audio disappear. Not to mention this will greatly affect the great population of residents who have aftermarket car audio in their car(s) who will have to put more money into legalizing their vehicles. Please reconsider the passing of bill HB1178.

8 February 2011

Esteemed Representatives,

My name is Keith Izawa. I am a University of Hawaii graduate; my permanent residence is on Molokai. I am writing to express my complete opposition to HB1178. This proposed statutory change would have tremendous negative impact on small businesses in Hawaii and impose unreasonable restrictions on personal recreational and economic choice, while failing to accomplish its objectives.

Electronics retailers, some of whom base their entire businesses on sales and installation of car audio equipment, would suffer tremendous revenue reductions as a result of this act - I predict many would be unable to remain in business. Most car audio dealers in Hawaii are not national corporate retailers like Best Buy - they are small local businesses (and employers) that contribute to Hawaii's economy and tax base. Given the ease in purchasing "non-conforming" car audio equipment via the internet, this bill would simply cause people to purchase their equipment from national mail-order dealers - shifting business opportunities and the accompanying tax revenue out of Hawaii.

- This burden to Hawaii small business is not justified by the aim of HB1178 - to change the behavior of a small, specific subset of car audio equipment purchasers.

HB1178 would also unfairly impact people wishing to replace or upgrade existing car audio systems in their vehicles. Many consumers are simply interested in replacing audio systems in older vehicles that may be malfunctioning due to age or is technologically obsolete. Car audio components are subject to extreme environmental conditions - heat, moisture, and vibration - and in particular OEM stereo equipment is prone to failure. However, since at least the mid-1990s many vehicles began shipping from the factory with more than 5 speakers - for example, a 1996 Toyota Camry frequently has at least six speakers (two front tweeters, two front full-range speakers, and two rear full-range speakers). Newer vehicles such as the 2011 Toyota 4Runner come from the factory equipped with as many as 15 speakers. HB1178 would limit replacement of this equipment to the automotive dealership, as the number of speakers exceeds the limits stated in the proposed legislation.

Additionally, HB1178's restrictions on power output and speaker size place unreasonable restrictions on consumers' personal choice in purchasing equipment that meets their preferences and allows them to enjoy music in their private vehicle. The equipment, by itself, does not contribute to injury, hazard, annoyance or inconvenience - these result from certain individual's choice in how they use the equipment.

- This illustrates the second major detriment of HB1178. It would obviously impose limits on consumers' choice in selecting products that best meet their preferences, needs, and budget. It would provide automobile dealerships an effective monopoly in the sale and installation of replacement car audio products.

On the surface, HB1178 appears to address some citizens' concerns about noise violations emanating from passing vehicles. However, those who choose to operate their car audio systems in violation of existing noise laws (who do not represent all consumers who purchase car audio equipment) will continue to do so because of 1) the continued availability of car audio equipment via the internet, 2) the ability to self-install the equipment, and 3) the low likelihood of being cited. These severe limitations, and more so the detrimental impacts of HB1178 on small business and personal consumer choice, are absolutely unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Keith I. Izawa, MSW

Legislators of the great state of Hawaii,

I have recently been informed of Bill HB1178 currently being introduced. This Bill if allowed to pass would have the potential to set forth a horrible chain of events for Hawaii and the rest of the nation. If aftermarket car audio is to be made an offense in Hawaii, many adults both young and old will suffer. Gone will be the joys of working after work to get the 'perfect sound' for your daily commute. For many of the people who purchase a vehicle, the 'stock' stereo just does not suffice. Could you imagine hearing Beethoven, Bach, Pink Floyd, or any other music with flat un-balanced sound? I know I cannot. It would make the day to day commute even longer. As a result more people may choose to speed to get through the mundane ride even faster. This would increase the risk of traffic accidents, and fatalities. People just do not have the patience to ride in silence, or in boredom.

Another point I would like to make is the economic impact this would have not only in the United States, but worldwide. If aftermarket car audio is forbidden organizations such as MECA (Mobile Electronics Competition Association), DB Drag (Decibel Drag Racing), and other contained organizations would cease to exist. Companies such as Rockford Fosgate (RF on the NYSE), Pioneer, DEI (Directed Electronics Incorporated), and many others also would cease to exist. This would put tens if not hundreds of thousands of currently hard working American's out of work. In addition shipping companies such as UPS, FedEx, DHL, and the United States Postal Service would lose revenue. The total cost of outlawing something most enthusiasts see as a right, would be detrimental. To do such a thing would also set precedence for this to happen in other states further increasing these potential risks to public safety, the stability of our already fragile economy, and possibly even further than that.

Again, Legislators of Hawaii as a member of United States Armed Forces currently serving in Baghdad, Iraq I ask you not to pass Bill HB1178. To do so would have grave consequences. I look forward to being PCS'd (Permanent Change of Station) to Hawaii in my career. If this bill is allowed to pass, it would truly take away from the pleasure of being able to serve this great country of ours in the great State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Jordan N Raiff

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Michael Van Horn [mike@12voltnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:53 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Ban of Aftermarket Audio Equipment
Attachments: sig.jpg; ATT00001..txt

To Whom It May Concern:

H.B. No. 1178, if enacted, would put an entire industry out of business in the state of Hawaii.

The sale of aftermarket equipment (indash electronics-speakers-amplifiers) is the core of the mobile electronics industry. Banning the sale of these items will literally put every car audio retail store in Hawaii out of business.

These are the same tax paying businesses that install navigation systems, security systems, tracking devices and other convenience products for consumers in the state of Hawaii. These retailers also install handsfree kits so consumers in Hawaii can use their cell phones while driving.

There are other remedies.

Say NO to H.B. NO.1178

mike van horn

February 8, 2011

Hawaii State Legislature
RE: HB No. 1178

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB No. 1178. This bill will soon come to a vote and I'd like this letter to serve as my testimony. This bill is about the installation and "excessive use of" aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment.

This is a ridiculous attempt to yet again control the people's right to do as they wish with their own property. There are already laws on the books which limit people the right to customize other parts of their personal and private vehicles. For example, the use of tall and wide tires, a lowered suspension and even an aftermarket exhaust. All of which people still do today, as well as public officials sworn to uphold the law. There is no way to regulate this bill just as other vehicle modification laws don't hold their ground after awhile. Today, with laws such as no cell phones while driving most people will use their "aftermarket stereos" with Bluetooth capability to hold conversations on the phone. A lot of people also take pride in acquiring aftermarket audio equipment to enjoy the full spectrum of a song or movies audio signal. There may be some that do abuse these audio systems but only for their love of music. An aftermarket audio system is just the same as an OEM audio system, they are both loud. This bill is only for people that don't like loud things and wish to control another realm of the public right to do as they wish with their own "private property." If the person who came up with this proposal actually knew anything about car audio they would have known that what they ask for in this bill is not obtainable and that there are many loopholes in what can or cannot be installed in the vehicle.

Not only will this bill hurt the people using this equipment but it will definitely hurt many aftermarket equipment dealers in Hawaii. There are many reputable shops around the islands with owners and installers alike, which take pride and educate themselves and others about this industry. This is an industry just like automobile mechanics where audio equipment installers need to be certified in what they can do. By passing this bill it jeopardizes shop owners from keeping their doors open and also for the installers possibly losing their jobs. In this economy there is nothing acceptable about making the people lose jobs and hindering a growing industry just at someone's whim because they don't like loud music in cars. If that's the case then a bill should be proposed to ban all large screen TVs with sound systems in homes as well. In the car audio community that would be the same thing.

Tom Sanborn

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: djjenkins26@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:22 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Aftermarket Audio Bill Ban???

Really? You want to make it illegal to have aftermarket audio in your car? What's next, are you going to try and ban what people can put in their homes? You're not only focusing on something that seems menial considering everything else going on in this country, but, you're trying to do something that will hurt businesses and jobs. As few as that might be, I think you need to get your priorities straight and focus on more concerning matters than you whining and being upset about hearing other people's music.

Concerned citizen

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: george.munoz@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: George Munoz
Organization: Individual
Address: HI
Phone:
E-mail: george.munoz@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
stop wasting government money on trying to enforce something as ridiculous as this...time,
and especially money should be spent in trying to address and find solutions to the homeless
squatting on sidewalks and parks on the island.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Potageepride@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Natasha Pundyke
Organization: Individual
Address: Keaunui Ewa Beach, Hawaii
Phone: 203-4794
E-mail: Potageepride@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

Hello I am a resident of Honolulu, HI. I, Nino Nicolo Santos, oppose bill HB1178. I am a car owner of a used car that has not been modified outside of its retail specifications. I have friends that have modifications to their cars that may not be allowed with the passing of this bill. I also know many community members that own retail automotive part shops that will suffer because of this. What is the true purpose of this law?

As I have stated I am a car owner and I am one of the people who will be directly affected by the passing of this law. Many residents of Hawaii currently own systems that would not be allowed installed on their car systems as well. A majority of car owners today do not know much about car maintenance and often neglect checks ups on their vehicle unless it comes with a warranty of some sort. Upgrading existing features on the car, specifically audio, is one of the few modifications or work done on an average person's car. This means that other than required or warranty maintenance this will be one of the few opportunities a person will willingly pay a mechanic or automotive parts store for their goods and services. By prohibited the installation of these parts you will hurt many businesses within Hawaii. This clearly is not something that should be unfairly burdened by businesses, automotive technicians, and constituents of Hawaii.

What is the purpose of this bill? I have obviously stated who will be affected by the law. Who can benefit from such a law? Well obviously rich, snobby elites who likes to keep the rest of society away from themselves. Thinking they can buy a lot of property with a big gate to keep the poor's physical presence out only to be rattled by hearing someone's car audio. Obviously, this does not bode well with them so they would gladly propose a bill on grounds of just having to deal with another person's taste in music. They are the true benefactors of this bill and not the general public of Hawaii.

Current decibel level and car moving violations should be enough regulations placed on cars with "loud" audio. Someone driving with their windows down and sounds blazing can already be ticketed for such things. But to make it illegal for people who do it responsibly is unfair. Simply stated, the general public benefits whether it be from enjoyment of music or from the businesses that flourish as this is one of the goods that people are glad to pay money for. Obviously, only a few people benefit from these laws so the benefit for the greater good of the many should outweigh the benefit of the few and over-privileged.

From

Nino Nicolo Santos

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Kurt Kajioka [audi_boy808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:12 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178
Attachments: HB1178.doc

Please do not pass HB 1178 attached is my testimony.

Thank you,

Audi Boy808

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment" which is scheduled to be reviewed by the Hawaii House Committee on Transportation. I am totally against this bill passing.

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components. If you visit any automaker's Website that promotes either luxury automobiles or entry level vehicles aimed at a youth market, you will find a substantial amount of marketing allocated to the audio system. Many of these systems boast power handling capacity in the hundreds of watts and subwoofers eight inches and larger. In fact, many of the amplifiers, subwoofers and speakers used are created by aftermarket companies. These systems share some of the same capability to be played as loudly as an aftermarket system.

In addition, there is a misconception on the part of the proposed legislation's author that large speakers and powerful amplifiers serve solely to create mind-numbing bass that disturbs the public. In fact, the purpose of these devices is to enhance the richness and reproduction of sound at normal levels. If you were to turn up the sound on a low-end factory system to a decent listening level, the noise and distortion you hear results from the built-in amplifier being unable to provide a quality signal to the speakers. This problem is fixed by adding an amplifier, which allows the speakers to reproduce sound more efficiently. It's the same premise as adding more memory to a computer to get it to perform routine tasks more efficiently.

Aftermarket audio equipment is painstakingly designed to enhance and enrich the audio experience in the vehicle. Millions of dollars each year are spent on amplifier and speaker design, system research and more efficient means to integrate these devices with factory equipment. To discard the true purpose of these products, and in essence define them as products built simply to annoy others, is absurd, as is any law that serves to make this distinction. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal on the grounds that it also discriminates against many highly trained, professional, tax-paying business owners in our state who gainfully employ people of our wonderful state and are active, positive participants in their respective communities.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Chelsey Agbayani [chelsey@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:23 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

I OPPOSE THE HAWAII HOUSE BILL 1178

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: chaz pierick [chizbiscut@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:23 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: bill HB 1178

its not within the US way of life or in the constitution to pass a bill were u not only can't upgrade what u have to make said thing better, but to not be allowed to add more is even more prepostorus. thats the same as taking all the speakers away from a concert, wich takes the musicians instument and makes it louder and focuses on certan keys so it sounds better or to say the movie theaters cant have a subwoofer which is what makes u feel like u r really there when its an intense scene, it all comes from that aftermarket high quality speakers and subwoofers that every american shoud have the right to change and upgrade if they want. If a noise issue is the problem then u should enforce people who play there car stereos to loud in traffic.

From: none none [staticoxnard@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB 1178 Appose it.

I just wanted to say is that approving this bill will put many small car audio businesses bankrupt. Including every employee under them. I am currently Active duty military and i am disappointed that we are sacrificing everything for this country and this is how we get repaid for...telling us what we can and cant spend our money on? I love car audio but i dislike cigarette smoke but are you going to ban Cigarette's too? they are more harmful and bother more people than the frequencies speakers give out. It is good to keep it controlled but this is going overboard. Are you guys going to ban DJ Equipment at beach parks too? No disrespect but there are other ways to make money for the state than this. I am yet to have a Ticket for sounds or anything and i don't want to get one for having after market speakers. I just hope this bill don't get approved that is all.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:31 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: hahndaniel@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daniel Hahn
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hahndaniel@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

There is no justification to this bill, as aftermarket speakers, circulate money within Hawaii as small businesses are set up in Hawaii, as there is no harm in speakers causing any harm to anyone's well-being

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:27 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dvalue810@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Carley
Organization: Individual
Address: 8433 Oak Creek Dr
Phone: 7697441
E-mail: dvalue810@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
Legislators of the great state of Hawaii,

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ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Gilbert Rosete [grosete95@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:24 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1178

I am writing to voice my opposition of House Bill 1178.

By preventing the consumer from purchasing and installing aftermarket speakers, the bill will not help prevent "disturbing the peace". Disturbing the peace can easily be done with a system that is factory installed. There are already laws in place that punish those that do disturb the peace with their vehicles audio system. It is my opinion that the House should concentrate their energies into finding ways to enforce these laws better and not resort to making new laws banning everything they find a nuisance.

The only thing this bill will achieve is putting small Hawaii businesses out of business and preventing Mainland businesses from bringing their business to Hawaii.

Thank you,
Gilbert Rosete

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Efren Daguio [mauibuilder@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:19 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Bill 1178

Dear sirs / madams of the House Transportation Committee,

My name is Efren Daguio. I am an unemployed worker in our crippled construction industry. Prior to becoming a carpenter, I worked as a mobile electronics technician. The job provided for me and my family for over 12 years until the car audio industry slowed down because of the economy. I was just one of many that left a few years ago only to be blind-sided by unemployment in another trade / industry. There are literally thousands of people still making a living in Hawaii's mobile electronics industry despite how hard hit it's been by the economic downturn.

I am emailing you in opposition of Bill 1178 - which, if I have been informed and have read correctly, would ban the sale and installation of upgraded larger speakers. Please understand what this means to thousands of people. This law would basically shut-down all the mobile electronics shops in the state. Please also understand that many of today's vehicles come straight from the manufacturer with 8" or larger speakers and can handle several hundred watts. Yet, these systems aren't the target of complaint. As many of you may be unaware, the typical factory installed stereo has 6 - 8 speakers in it and 1 or more of those may be a subwoofer speaker that is larger than 6.5". What are they going to offer our customers that would like to replace a broken speaker? Are they forced to pay the outrageous prices at the car dealership? These local businesses greatly depend on this. I would say that 50 percent of their business is just replacing these factory speakers.

I left a job I loved in an attempt to make a better living. Unfortunately, at the moment that plan has landed me in the unemployment line along with thousands of other people. Please do not put more people out of work. Please believe me when I say that you will cripple the lives of many many people with the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
Efren Daguio, Jr.
Sent from twmy iPhoneuy

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: P [marcus.payne@vzw.blackberry.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:15 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Bill 1178

Just reading this proposal goes to show that a few people who feel negatively about one thing have the ability to take the freedoms that some of us cherish so deeply. I have spent YEARS of my life overseas protecting our citizens rights, and not once have I complained about it. To think that my right to have a speaker bigger than 6.5 inches in diameter and a power lever of 100 watts would be taken away because a few bad apples may have driven through a neighborhood and disturbed a few people is so ridiculous that I don't even have a word to describe it. What happened to the days when we held individuals accountable for their own actions? Also I think that this would have a very negative effect on the younger generation. If you are not into the car audio scene then you probably will not understand why people are taking the news of this bill so negatively. It is more than just loud music, its a culture. It gives people a way to express themselves, and an artistic (I think) outlet if you will... I have so many things to say about this, but no time to type it all. If you would talk to me please call me. 757-871-5667 Marcus. I will be protecting your rights... Please protect mine...

Sent from my BlackBerry

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:14 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: gizmo1122@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: jun andres
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Phone: 808 397 8933
E-mail: gizmo1122@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:14 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lchadwin@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chadwin medina
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Ichadwin@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
This is ridiculous!!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:57 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dennismoffett28@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: DJ Moffett
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dennismoffett28@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Our economy is already bad and you are trying to make it worse by putting more people out of a job. I think the attention needs to be focused on other areas than stereo equipment in vehicles. Police officers should give citations to drivers playing their music too loud not for just having the equipment.

I am shocked our state is actually wasting their time trying to pass this bill when we have so much more important stuff to do. The state really needs to refocus their attention on better things.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: schmiddr2@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:49 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: H.B. No. 1178

To the supporters of this bill, does a car audio product break any law? No. It is an individual who would potentially be breaking the law.

To pass legislation against a hobbyist or enthusiast of car audio is not the solution to your underlying problem which I can only assume is when music is played "too loud" in public places. Do some research and you will see that it is not the entire car audio community who are the offenders, but more accurately it is a select few. There is no ideology which can justify a bill such as this one. I am outraged by the audacity of the composers and supporters of this bill. Do not pass this into law and remove this bill immediately. A democracy can work in your favor or against you. Meaning do you want to stay in office and work for the people or not?

Please consider this carefully,
concerned citizen

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Eric Leeson [ericleeson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:44 AM
To: TRNtestimony; Rep. Calvin Say
Subject: Concerning House Bill 1178

To whom it may concern,

Passing House Bill 1178 is unnecessary and will affect far more than just those who play their music at unnecessarily high volumes. I have aftermarket audio equipment and have never been sighted for a noise violation, nor do I know anyone who has.

Instead of passing laws that will hurt tax paying, voting, and politically active citizens of this state, please consider enforcing the laws that are already in affect. There are OEM audio systems that will still play loud enough to violate the noise laws. In fact, they are optional on most vehicles on the road. Six speaker audio systems are now common place, which do include subwoofers. This law will not stop these audio systems. Please consider the enforcement of the noise laws that are already in existence, versus citing me, and others, who have not broken them.

This bill will only serve to hurt small businesses and citizens, in a time of economic hardship, as well as increase the burden on our local police departments.

Regards,

Eric Leeson
2635 Gardenia St.
Honolulu, HI 96816

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:45 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Alfredhmchung@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alfred chung
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Alfredhmchung@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Kelly Iwai [kiwai@icfsnf.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:42 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Against House Bill 1178

February 7, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I received a copy of proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment" which is scheduled to be reviewed by the Hawaii House Committee on Transportation. I represent one of the many customers who enjoy and appreciate mobile audio as a hobby and listening enjoyment while driving. I think you can spend more time concentrating on other issues in our state than this item in legislation.

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components. If you visit any automaker's Website that promotes either luxury automobiles or entry level vehicles aimed at a youth market, you will find a substantial amount of marketing allocated to the audio system. Many of these systems boast power handling capacity in the hundreds of watts and subwoofers eight inches and larger. In fact, many of the amplifiers, subwoofers and speakers used are created by aftermarket companies. These systems share some of the same capability to be played as loudly as an aftermarket system.

In addition, there is a misnomer on the part of the proposed legislation's author that large speakers and powerful amplifiers serve solely to create mind-numbing bass that disturbs the public. In fact, the purpose of these devices is to enhance the richness and reproduction of sound at normal levels. If you were to turn up the sound on a low-end factory system to a decent listening level, the noise and distortion you hear results from the built-in amplifier being unable to provide a quality signal to the speakers. This problem is fixed by adding an amplifier, which allows the speakers to reproduce sound more efficiently. It's the same premise as adding more memory to a computer to get it to perform routine tasks more efficiently.

Aftermarket audio equipment is painstakingly designed to enhance and enrich the audio experience in the vehicle. Millions of dollars each year are spent on amplifier and speaker design, system research and more efficient means to integrate these devices with factory equipment. To discard the true purpose of these products, and in essence define them as products built simply to annoy others, is absurd, as is any law that serves to make this distinction. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal on the grounds that it also discriminates against many highly trained, professional, tax-paying business owners in your state who gainfully employ your citizens and are active, positive participants in their respective communities.

Mahalo

Kelly Iwai
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:38 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: m-su@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Urbanowicz
Organization: Individual
Address: holland, ohio
Phone:
E-mail: m-su@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

i am a car audio fanatic and i spend all my money on making my car audio sound better, clearer, and louder. would you rather my money go to something like drugs or something in this nature. I enjoy my music and i am respectable about it i do not go through housing complexes with my music turned way up for every one to hear. I do not play my music loud late at night or early in the morning. I have tranes pass my house all the time that shake my house and are extremely loud at all times of night and day why not do something about something like that also then? If after market car audio is banned it will hurt a lot of businesses and people. I plan on owning my own car audio shop one day and if all states were to have this i guess my dreams would be crushed. The only thing I agree on is the bann on no speakers mounted on the outside of the cabin that is nonsense and annoying.

Derek T. Kamiya
1916 Kakela Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822

February 8, 2011

Chair Joseph M. Souki
Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama
House Transportation Committee

RE: HB 1178, Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment

Dear Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1178. I am **strongly opposed** to HB 1178 and request that this measure be held.

I have been a car stereo enthusiast for the better part of twenty years and have never been cited or warned for excessive noise or other disturbance. In my experience, I have found that there is a direct correlation between higher power stereo systems and greater fidelity especially at lower volumes. In short, the more powerful sound system resulted in greater enjoyment and fidelity *at lower volumes*. With a more powerful aftermarket sound system, (which included aftermarket subwoofers), I was able to enjoy high quality sound at low to moderate volumes.

a. Improper distinction between factory and aftermarket and power output.

I believe this measure makes an inappropriate distinction between equipment available directly from the car manufacturer and the car audio aftermarket. In today's automotive market, there are powerful stereo systems available directly from the manufacturer with outputs of several hundred watts and this measure would not address individuals who choose to abuse such factory systems.

b. Hawaii is business "unfriendly".

I believe that this measure, should it be signed into law, would constitute yet another example of how Hawaii's business climate is business unfriendly. If this measure became law, the local car audio industry would be devastated and jobs would be lost. During these difficult economic times, I would think that any negative impact on our local economy should be avoided at all costs.


c. Enforcement.

While I recognize that noise pollution can be a problem, the solution is not

improperly targeted or economically oppressive legislation, the answer is working with the Honolulu Police Department to modify existing laws to aid in the enforcement against the relatively few rotten apples who show little to no regard for their fellow residents. I see no reason to punish the car audio enthusiasts that respect their neighbors and the local industry that supports them.

Accordingly, I would strongly urge that no further action be taken on this measure.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek T. Kamiya". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Derek T. Kamiya

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:16 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kodah808@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rodney M.K. Kalawa
Organization: Menehune water co. and HCA
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Phone: (808) 780-8927
E-mail: kodah808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:10 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: MFIELD@HAWAII.EDU
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael
Organization: Individual
Address: 1611 Kalaniuka Pl Honolulu, HI
Phone: 8082580712
E-mail: MFIELD@HAWAII.EDU
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

There is no reason for removing after-market alarms and audio equipment from cars. If a car gets broken into, it makes sense for the owner to install an after-market alarm that is safer than the original. Also, some older cars did not come equipped from the factory with alarms, and most old cars cannot be refitted with alarms by dealers because they do not make them anymore. If a stock Lexus has more than 10 speakers with a total audio system wattage of over 100Watts, im sure the people in cars from the 1990s would like to upgrade their 20Watt stereo systems so that they can enjoy their music. What if the head unit breaks? Even brand new cars can't replace them, as the audio equipment is usually made by an after-market brand. Is the government trying to send the people into debt by forcing us to purchase new cars anytime our audio equipment fails? The interest of the people is at stake, and while the government is supposed to be for the people, this proposed bill is definitely against our interests. Will the government give us money towards auto insurance that could have been saved by the alarm we purchased? Will the government issue a warranty like Viper Alarms where if the car is stolen they will pay up to 15,000 dollars? I understand many rude people play their music too loudly on the road, and that can be fixed without ruining basic car comforts for everyone. Maybe the police officers should enforce noise pollution a little more strictly with a higher fine, so that there will be fewer repeat offenders. By creating more and more restrictions for the car enthusiast community, fewer and fewer people will respect the government's will and there will be more "rebels" to these rules who will openly disobey more restrictions, which will make the roads less safe for everyone. By making these restrictions on cars less strict on personalization and having more emphasis on safety, we can have a happier car community with safer roads.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jbrede@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason Brede
Organization: Individual
Address: 1174 Wainiha St. Honolulu, HI
Phone:
E-mail: jbrede@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: smashedz28@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chris
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: smashedz28@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Michael Kitchens [support@kalaeloaracewaypark.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:40 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: In opposition of HB1178.

Hello,

My name is Michael Kitchens and I am strongly opposed to HB1178. As a participant and promoter of several car shows, including the Build The Track! Motorsports Show as well as the July 4th Pearl Harbor Show N' Shine, I believe HB1178 is blatantly discriminatory and will affect hundreds of local businesses in an overwhelmingly negative way. In fact, this bill would affect many local sound and audio companies in such an extreme fashion, that they could close outright due to the passage of this bill.

I urge you to vote against this bill and in favor of the freedom of expression for our industry and the right of commercial enterprise.

Michael J. Kitchens

Volunteer Track Coordinator

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From: Chawn McIntyre [cchhaawwnn@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:57 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB 1178

This bill is dumb. Why don't you spend your time on laws that are more important to the safety of the state.

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From: Koch, Robert, JCW [Robert.Koch@jcw.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:53 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Law Banning Large Speakers

Although I'm not a citizen of Hawaii, I do hope you are successful in starting a movement that will limit the amount of noise emanating from vehicles. Congratulations on your introduction of this important piece of legislature.

Robert Koch
Olathe, KS

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: ljkoanui@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:46 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: bs hb#1178

In response to reading the proposed HouseBill (#1178), I will to add to the protests regarding the legality and validity of this bill. I don't agree with anything restricting the (1) private use of electronics in, and around a citizens private property (vehicle), (2) the purchasing and use of legal electronic accessories and items, or (3) the ownership, sales, and opportunity that an individual has to operate a private business (car audio).

I would like to know what the basis is of this bill. What problem is it addressing? If it doesn't make a situation better, or solve a problem, then this representative should stop wasting the tax payers money (and time) and propose a bill that would clean up his community and promote a stronger contribution towards our economy/community...instead of trying to limit it.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Mike Morgan [MMorgan@kenwoodusa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 12:57 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Car audio ban

Hawaii Representative,

The proposed ban on car audio electronic equipment is wrong on so many levels that all you are doing is wasting every ones time!!! Please remove this suggested bill and deal with more serious and relevant issues that are truly due your attention.

Thank you,
Mike Morgan

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: leighton kano [67rs67rs@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: I am against the proposed legislation HB1178

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components. If you visit any automaker's Website that promotes either luxury automobiles or entry level vehicles aimed at a youth market, you will find a substantial amount of marketing allocated to the audio system. Many of these systems boast power handling capacity in the hundreds of watts and subwoofers eight inches and larger. In fact, many of the amplifiers, subwoofers and speakers used are created by aftermarket companies. These systems share some of the same capability to be played as loudly as an aftermarket system.

In addition, there is a misnomer on the part of the proposed legislation's author that large speakers and powerful amplifiers serve solely to create mind-numbing bass that disturbs the public. In fact, the purpose of these devices is to enhance the richness and reproduction of sound at normal levels. If you were to turn up the sound on a low-end factory system to a decent listening level, the noise and distortion you hear results from the built-in amplifier being unable to provide a quality signal to the speakers. This problem is fixed by adding an amplifier, which allows the speakers to reproduce sound more efficiently. It's the same premise as adding more memory to a computer to get it to perform routine tasks more efficiently.

Aftermarket audio equipment is painstakingly designed to enhance and enrich the audio experience in the vehicle. Millions of dollars each year are spent on amplifier and speaker design, system research and more efficient means to integrate these devices with factory equipment. To discard the true purpose of these products, and in essence define them as products built simply to annoy others, is absurd, as is any law that serves to make this distinction. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal on the grounds that it also discriminates against many highly trained, professional, tax-paying business owners.

Sincerely,

Leighton Kano

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From: Daniel Hollembaek [danielhollembaek@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:34 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: illegal sound systems,

This bill is the worst of them all. Banning something like this would upset the community drastically. Do you know how many people would be put outta jobs in this state?! There are countless numbers of shops through out the islands. You wouldnt believe how much people drop money into stereo systems. Its good money for are state. And if you did ban it, WHO going to stop anyone? Wha would people do with there old equipment? CANT sell it! This is pointless, seriously. Just like how you cant talk on the phone driving, but i still see that and worse! Women putting on make up, men shaving! I understand that there is a problem with loud stereo systems, but it can handled in a different way. For example, a set DB volume limit after 10p.m, as in, someone cant be going a certain volume level. This bill should be thrown away, and i hank you for your time.
Daniel

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:30 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: yama168@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Myron Yamashiro
Organization: Individual
Address: PO Box 971710 Waipahu, Hawaii
Phone: 8084794148
E-mail: yama168@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:58 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: juskauwe@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Justin Kauwe
Organization: Individual
Address: Hui Kelu st Kahaluu, Hawaii
Phone: 808-348-9797
E-mail: juskauwe@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am against bill hb1178 because of several reasons. My first argument is that, if the bill was to pass you would be closing a form of monetary intake for hawaii citizens. Car audio is a buisness that some people take very seriously. This would be an equal to putting a bil against entertainment in the home. Night times familys like to enjoy time watching movies together with their quality "surround sound." Neighbors could make the same noise polution complaints for home audio as well as car audio. Its taking away a hobby for some and a quite well paying job for others. Some may take advantage of audio but its unreal how everyone should be punished.

Mahalo for reading this and please take a second to think about it. Not everyone is the bad person here.

Aloha, Justin

Kauwe

From: Collin [colushi@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:57 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: HB1178

Hello,

I am writing to not support the ban on car audio equipment (HB1178)

I feel that it is just wrong to do that. I can name countless reasons. For example taking away peoples livelihood that they worked so hard for and putting a lot of people unemployed and out of business during this time of recession. (I personally know a few of them.) All of the shops in Hawaii is locally owned and operated. If its because of noise, then what about the loud exhausts on cars? I notice now that theres recently cars coming out with higher horsepower and its exhaust is loud. What about the motorcycles? Harley Davidsons and Japanese bikes? They have really loud exhausts. Louder than any sound system I have ever heard. I did not ever hear anything about that issue being addressed.

If this issue were to be put on the news or had more publicity. I know there would be an overwhelming support not to put this bill into action.

Instead of banning sound systems, I feel that instead of hurting the retailers, It would benifit the government more if they think of other measures to take. For example raise the fines (money toward our state deficit) or consequences for playing the music too loud. (community service or jail time). Or make officers enforce them better like how they did for seatbelts. Im sure people wont play thier music loud if that happens.

Thank you for listening.
Collin Ushijima

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:52 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Yukimura_02@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kyle Imada
Organization: Individual
Address: 44-011 Malukai pl Kaneohe, HI
Phone: 8082329998
E-mail: Yukimura_02@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I'm very against the bill going for a supposed ban of aftermarket car electronics. Not only is it a ridiculous law if it were to pass, but it also puts a strain on people who work in the field trying to make a living and supporting their own family and needs. As a MECP certified tech, installer, and sales. I know that this could effect many small and bigger businesses, sincethe audio section of a particular shop is over 80 percent of it's actual income. Please do not pass this bill cause it is not only not fair. It's just wrong, hey government wants us to spend money to bring up the economy. Why take away one of the major things most residents/drivers would spend their money on? Young or old

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:17 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ESHK@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: HB1178.txt

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Eins Ka
Organization: Individual
Address: 2160 Pauoa Road Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 8087727595
E-mail: ESHK@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

HB1178.txt

Bill HB1178 is highly illogical and ineffetive way to deal with persons who abuse aftermarket sound systems. Bill HB1178 will punish the handful of people who do inconsiderately abuse aftermarket sound systems but will also punish those who legally enjoy sound systems in their vehicles. Bill HB1178, if passed, will also hurt any person related to the aftermarket sound system market. Hawaii's economy is bad as it is. Passing Bill HB1178 will only wosren the state of the economy. Above all other reasons, passing Bill HB1178 is unfair to the citizens who respectfully use aftermarket sound systems and those who sell and install such products. It is unfair that workers will lose jobs and citizens who do not abuse their systems to be targeted. The legislature of Hawaii should reconsider Bill HB1178 while thinking of Hawaii as a whole.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Cres Camero [hkspeedcircuit@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:42 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: proposed legislation HB1178

To Whom It May Concern:

I received a copy of proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment" which is scheduled to be reviewed by the Hawaii House Committee on Transportation. I represent Mobile Electronics magazine, a 25-year-old publication whose main purpose is to inform, educate and enhance the professionalism and business practices of retailers that sell aftermarket entertainment, information, security and safety products.

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components. If you visit any automaker's Website that promotes either luxury automobiles or entry level vehicles aimed at a youth market, you will find a substantial amount of marketing allocated to the audio system. Many of these systems boast power handling capacity in the hundreds of watts and subwoofers eight inches and larger. In fact, many of the amplifiers, subwoofers and speakers used are created by aftermarket companies. These systems share some of the same capability to be played as loudly as an aftermarket system.

In addition, there is a misnomer on the part of the proposed legislation's author that large speakers and powerful amplifiers serve solely to create mind-numbing bass that disturbs the public. In fact, the purpose of these devices is to enhance the richness and reproduction of sound at normal levels. If you were to turn up the sound on a low-end factory system to a decent listening level, the noise and distortion you hear results from the built-in amplifier being unable to provide a quality signal to the speakers. This problem is fixed by adding an amplifier, which allows the speakers to reproduce sound more efficiently. It's the same premise as adding more memory to a computer to get it to perform routine tasks more efficiently.

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Sincerely,

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Cres Camero
www.SpeedCircuit.com

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: brian.rs2@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:37 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Aftermarket Car Audio

To whom it may concern,

After hearing the proposed amendments and reviewing the situation as a whole, I simply cannot stand by and watch our legislation take away one of the priviledges of driving. I am not defending those who choose to play their music at "concert" volumes long into the night, as I am merely standing up for each person's right to listen to music at the level which they find pleasing. As an owner of aftermarket car audio accessories, I am heartbroken and disappointed to hear that this bill is even being taken seriously by government officials and legislation. These ammendments are unnecessary and would effectively place hundreds of local workers and business out of work. I hope our legislators realize how absurd these rules are the effects it would have on our local economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Saxton

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Byron M Chong [bmchong@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:50 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bmchong@hawaii.edu
Subject: proposed legislation HB1178

To whom it may concern,

I reviewed a copy of proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment", and would like to just say; without after-market audio equipment replacing everything from the factory would be much more expensive for the people of Hawaii. Especially if you were to buy a used car and this happens.

Further more, this would cause all that stereo places to go out of business, thus also taking away there useful skills of installing safety features such as, after-market car alarms, Rear view . Which, for the just average person, is hard, and the skilled shops in Hawaii do it very professionally.

Not everyone makes excessive noise with there after-market stereo systems either. I personally find that ALL Moped's and ALL Harley Davidson bikes make at least 5-10 times the amount of noise then I hear coming from cars on a daily basis. If this bill has come into effect because of noise pollution then I must say that, if this bill goes through, I will expect you to do the right thing and ban ALL Moped's and Harley Davidson bikes from ever starting up at all, especially driving when they make the most noise. If not then that would be a great injustice to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

Byron M.J. Chong

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Billy Palumbo [palumbo.billy@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:01 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Re HB1178-Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in to express my displeasure over this proposed bill, HB1178-Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment, which is absolutely ridiculous. The Hawaii Government as a whole has been in trouble for many years, making poor business choices forcing us deeper into debt, and sending many small businesses into bankruptcy. Now we are in such bad shape that there are proposed taxes on soda, and you are attempting to double our vehicle registration tax, both of which I find discriminatory (people who don't drink soda get to profit from those who do?) and preposterous. But this proposed bill takes the cake. Not only are you trying to outlaw a form of personal expression in the form of vehicle modification (which you have already limited with the extremely subjective "Recon" laws), but you are now attempting to eliminate jobs and entire small businesses! If you look at a map of Honolulu you can find over 25 local shops that have car audio sections, including nationwide retailers such as Best Buy, Walmart, O'Reilly's and Sams Club. Of those 25, in Honolulu exclusively, there are 8 shops who deal exclusively with vehicle audio equipment. This bill is attempting to take away all of these jobs, and to infringe on our rights as vehicle owners. First you took the ability to modify them to be lower, or higher, or to swap engines, or at first to even change the wheels and tires. Now you are attempting to take away our ability to change the audio systems, and trying to eliminate all of these small businesses? This is not right, and quite frankly I've had enough of the local government chipping away my rights as a vehicle owner. I will do everything in my power to halt this bill from passing, and I know many other vehicle owners will join me.

A Furious Local Car Owner,
Billy Palumbo

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:11 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Jorget@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1178

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

I feel this bill should not be passed. This bill not only does it rob what is passionate to Audio enthusiast all around the island, but it will also rob the income of those individuals who work so hard to establish their Audio shops here in Oahu. Oahu already has citations for excessive noise such as "disturbing the peace" and "noise pollution", why penalize the individuals that adhere to these laws? If individuals choose to excessively play their loud music in areas not permitted, then let them suffer the consequences. For those of us who are respectful audio enthusiast, who enjoy not only the audio presentation but the visual presentation of an aftermarket audio system, and only play it where permitted ie. carshow, shop, etc. Why should we be penalized? Why would you take what we work so hard to enjoy? Please reconsider passing this bill. Thank you.

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From: Dan Goo [dgoo@djspec.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:16 PM
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Subject: HB1178 Car Audio - Retired HPD Officer Against this bill

I am against this law for a few reasons stated below:

First of all we already have laws on the books about loud car stereos.

Factory installed stereo systems can be just as loud as aftermarket purchase.

How can we legislate what a consumer purchases for his or her vehicle. Since when we have the right to tell someone what they can or cannot buy especially if they abide by all the laws.

We are penalizing the people who follow the rules for the few that break the laws. Just enforce the current laws that we have.

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Comments:

I will never support a bill that will damage our economy. We have the right to bear arms, but not speakers?