



**Office of the Public Defender
State of Hawaii**



**Timothy Ho, Chief Deputy Public Defender
Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawaii to the House Committee on Transportation**

February 7, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

RE: H.B. 646: Relating To Traffic Violations

Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

This measure will require motorcycle and/or moped riders who are cited for having a noisy muffler to sign a written notice to correct the violation, and deliver proof of the correction to the district court. The willful failure to correct the violation, or submit proof of the correction will be punished as a misdemeanor offense.

The Office of the Public Defender opposes H.B. 1435.

This measure requires the district court to receive, monitor and dismiss or report a violation of the written promise to correct the noisy muffler. This will place an undue burden on the court system, and may require the hiring of additional workers or payment of overtime in order to accommodate the increased workload.

The creation of a new criminal offense for failing to submit proof of correction of the violation is extremely harsh, and again, will add to an already overburdened court system. We suggest that section (f) on page two of this measure be stricken, or amended by replacing the word "misdemeanor" to "violation."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this measure.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:23 PM
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Cc: richard.lundmark@us.army.mil
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Richard Lundmark
Organization: Nam Knights of America MC
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Phone: 706-580-9815
E-mail: richard.lundmark@us.army.mil
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

This bill is completely out of order. You want to worry about how loud a motorcycle is but yet there is no focus on cars that are loud via their music. This will descriminate againt people who ride motorcycles and I will personnally spread the word that our politicians are not for us and do everything I can to ensure that my representative is not reelected

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jaonmaui@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James P. Atwell
Organization: Kanaka Hekili M/C Maui Sgt. at Arms
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Phone: 808-385-1408
E-mail: jaonmaui@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Current Motorcycle Muffler laws are suffiecent and Safe.
No changes to current laws should be made.

Mahalo,
James P. Atwell

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:40 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Andrea Ballesteros George
Organization: Street Bikers United
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Phone: (808) 573-2781
E-mail: nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Dear Mr. Souki,

I oppose the Muffler Law here in Hawaii. I ride out of necessity, not desire, because of rising cost of fuel. I have to ride come rain(unfortunately) or shine. Shortly after driving my motorcycle home from the dealership, I was nearly side-swiped by an automobile. It was because my motorcycle was as quiet as can be, with it's stock exhaust pipes (unfortunately still quiet, even when revving the motor). The very next day, I returned back to the dealership and told them about my close encounter. Since this incident I have had loud exhaust pipes installed, and it has prevented MANY close-calls from occurring. Automobile drivers HEAR ME, and are aware of my presence, before they cross lanes into me.

Please do not take this security measure away from single working moms, like myself, who rely so much on my economical way of transportation, just to be able to put some food on the table for my family.

Gratefully yours,
Andrea Ballesteros George
Certified Nurse Aide, Intensive Care Unit Maui Memorial Hospital

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:38 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jdog3mta3@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: jobey rodrigues-kahakai
Organization: Pohaku Paakiki M/C
Address: 85-1217 kumaipo st. waianae, HI
Phone: 808-853-0905
E-mail: jdog3mta3@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
mufflers provide awareness to other motorists that A motorcycle is present possibly in there blind spots

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

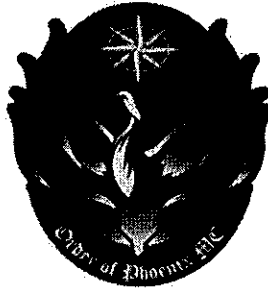
From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 12:13 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: leedon1@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don Lee
Organization: Intruders of Hawaii Motorcycle Club
Address:
Phone: (808) 375-7123
E-mail: leedon1@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

OPPOSED TO BILL!!! HAVING LOUD MUFFLERS HAVE ON TWO (2) OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, PREVENTED ME FROM BEING RAMMED FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF MY MOTORCYCLE BECAUSE THE DRIVERS OF THE CARS HAD THEIR WINDOWS UP AND WERE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO THE LEFT LANE AND JUST STARTED TO TURN SHARPLY INTO MY LANE QUICKLY. HAD TO GUN MY ENGINE AND LEAN ON MY LOUD HORN JUST TO BE HEARD. THESE QUICK ACTIONS MORE THAN LIKELY SAVED MY LIFE OR PREVENTED SERIOUS INJURIES.



700 Bishop Street, Suite 1700
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February 3, 2011

Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii

In Opposition of HB 646, Relating to Traffic Violations

Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ishiyama & Committee Members:

On behalf of the Order of the Phoenix, MC, we strongly urge you to oppose HB 646, which does more than just "prohibits motor vehicle mufflers from emitting a noise level above 95 decibels, and authorizes law enforcement officers to issue traffic citations for violations that are correctable." Additionally, current statutes under Chapter 291 are already in place to curtail excessive noise emission, and should be enforced rather than attempt to serve the public through additional statutes.

Passage of HB 646, though possibly well intended will only serve to:

- Increase administrative burden and costs to not only vehicle owners but our state and counties;
- Discriminate between two-wheel and other highway vehicles (see HRS 291-24(b));
- Inhibit commerce within this state; and
- Cause additional enforcement issues rather than enforce the laws against the culprits.

Therefore, we urge you to encourage better enforcement of existing statutes versus creating additional statutes. Mahalo.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard K. Kam, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Howard K. Kam, Jr
Its President

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 7:50 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: onerican@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ray Pagan
Organization: Street Bikers United
Address: 45-017 Oopuhue Place
Phone: 8082826419
E-mail: onerican@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:09 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jimmyjames@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: kimo lowe
Organization: sbu
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jimmyjames@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:
Unlawfull, without meter, public can beat the case

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:54 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: patopato13@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Fred Pepper
Organization: SBU/patopatomc
Address: PO Box 37143 Honolulu, Hi. 96837
Phone: 8083712666
E-mail: patopato13@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

with the advent of distractions for drivers and the inability of the HPD to enforce the laws how can they try to arrest and ticket load motorcycles...tricked out mopeds and motor scooters with gas engines...the complaints come from elderly people who cause most of the problems on the road beside there hearing imparments, without loud pipes air horns and/or sirens MC riders have no other protection as motorists use us as targets.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:48 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: AbigailH@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Abigail Hale
Organization: Street Bikers United
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Phone: 808-268-6137
E-mail: AbigailH@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:12 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: owensn001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David N. Owens
Organization: Street Bikers United Hawaii
Address: 94-1009 Kanawao St. Waipahu, HI
Phone: 808-477-9576
E-mail: owensn001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Strongly oppose the bill and it's contents in entirety! There are too many other more important issues that need to be handled than more traffic laws. HPD and the government need to actually enforce some of the hundreds we already have - that are not being enforced. If you want to help this state, let's work on the budget and road conditions and illegal aliens and unlicensed/uninsured drivers first. We are observing our govt. officials for next election.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:19 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: capt_ribeye@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tim Rybinski
Organization: Street Bikers United
Address:
Phone: 8084502232
E-mail: capt_ribeye@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Salient points for opposition:

- 1) Requiring the officer on scene to be the "calibrated ear" to judge whether to ticket or not, will result in many additional court hours. Defendant's will challenge. Additional throughput for the courts. Judge workload will substantially increase.
- 2) Requiring all ticketed Motor Vehicle (MV) operators to replace exhaust with a muffler to get under 95 decibels per the draft bill will cause excessive undue financial hardship on existing motorcycle drivers. There is not enough muffler systems on island to purchase within 30 days to get within Bill 646 standards, if enacted.
- 3) Bill 646's initial draft was targeted at Motorcycles/Mopeds. Striking that and adding "Motor Vehicle" does not change the intention of this bill. It still is targeted at motorcyclists. The sea of lawyers are out there will quickly see this "discriminatory Bill" attempting to "profile" motorcycle riders and target them specifically.
- 4) This Bill being introduced appears to be attempting to "slide in under the radar". It needs to be publicly introduced for debate.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:39 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rickearp53@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: richard earp
Organization: kanaka h M/C
Address: 1274 ainakea rd. lahaina Hi.
Phone: 808-283-1482
E-mail: rickearp53@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

we dont need this,its another attempt by gov.to control the people.stop this kind of gov.this is very much like you keep trying to pass a helmet law with fo stats from insurance co.LOUD PIPES SAVE OUR LIVES .NOW GO STICK YOUR HEAD BACK IN THE SAND AND LEAVE US ALONE.focus your work on making our state better,and not harass the people

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:55 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lagabriel3002@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: Opposing bill HB 646.wps

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Laura Gabriel
Organization: Street Bikers United of Hawaii
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Phone: 808-258-2738
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Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Judith Rod
87-1115 Ohe Ohe St.
Waianae, Hi. 96792

Speaking in opposition to HB646

Mr. Chairman and Members, my name is Judith Rod, I am a member of Street biker's united and a motorcycle enthusiast for over 25 yrs. I would like to offer testimony against the Muffler bill before you.

This bill makes no sense and I believe this bill is almost identical to **291-24 and 291-24.5** which is already a law. It appears the City will have to purchase DB meters for HPD, for the 95 decibels. We have a noise law, have the Honolulu Police Department enforce your existing Law and perhaps people will stop complaining about the traffic noise in Waikiki late at night. I believe this is an enforcement issue.

Additionally, the absence of clear guidelines on how to comply with the statute, makes this bill hereby unconstitutionally vague.

I would like to thank the Committee for their continued efforts to make the roads safer for the motorcycling public, and would urge the rejection of this bill.

Ron Rod
87-1115 Ohe Ohe St.
Waianae, Hi. 96792

Speaking in opposition to HB646

Mr. Chairman and Members, my name is Ron Rod; I am a member of Street Biker's United and a motorcycle enthusiast for over 25 yrs. I would like to offer testimony against the Muffler bill before you.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:18 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: puukoliboy@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Remocaldo
Organization: SBU
Address: 17 Hui F Rd. Lahaina, Hi.
Phone: (808)205-1599
E-mail: puukoliboy@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:59 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: howard.kam@trusta.us.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Howard Kam
Organization: Order of the Phoenix
Address: 700 Bishop St, Suite 1700 Honolulu
Phone: 8085248080
E-mail: howard.kam@trusta.us.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:25 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rugmo256@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Roy Ridgeway
Organization: Street Bikers United
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rugmo256@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Strongly oppose this measure.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:07 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: cminmaui@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: charles mizner
Organization: Iron Indian Riders
Address: hcr box 118 Hana. Hi.
Phone: 808-248-8630
E-mail: cminmaui@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 7:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: pennyndavis@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Rick davis
Organization: Individual
Address: 522 Hooulu St. Kailua, Hawaii
Phone: 2612594
E-mail: pennyndavis@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:18 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Catsser@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cathleen Servis
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-283-6390
E-mail: Catsser@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:
Keep the right to choose.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mikeregis@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael J Regis
Organization: Individual
Address: 77-6538 Naniloa Dr Kailua Kona Hi
Phone: 808 896 6535
E-mail: mikeregis@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lbene95586@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Louis Benedict
Organization: Individual
Address: 708 Hoohakanu pl. Pearl City
Phone: 8084555569
E-mail: lbene95586@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I have been riding motorcycles for over 45 years. How many time have I been caught in the blind area of a vehicle wanting to come into my lane but the drive hesitated because the driver could not see me however the driver knew I was there because the driver could HEAR my bike.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:41 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: teemot@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tim Cummings
Organization: Individual
Address: 1098 Mahanani Pl. Makawao, HI 96768
Phone: 808 357-4195
E-mail: teemot@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I feel there are enough laws governing vehicles, 4 wheeled and 2 wheeled. We are getting to the point where there is over-legislation, making for a cumbersome, complex, and for the most part, unmanageable government. I think most motorcyclist use common sense when it comes to their bikes. Of course, we like to tinker with our rides to "make them our own", a personal statement of our lives. Most of the motorcyclists I are hard working contributors to our society who abide by the existing laws. Please don't make them suffer for the mistakes of others. On a personal note Mr. Souki, I was there at the hospital when your nephew, Les Garcia, passed away one year ago at Maui Memorial Hospital. I considered Les my best friend and I feel he, as an avid motorcycle rider, would speak out against this. He always spoke very highly of you but I don't think he would agree with you on this issue. Mahalo nui loa.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:40 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bluefire07@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ron Romero
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o box2217 aiea, hi
Phone: 342-0802
E-mail: bluefire07@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I hereby oppose due to the fact that there are drivers out there who need to here the bike. My bike is stock and how many times have people almost ran me over because they didn't see me well maybe its better if they can hear me so I have double chance of not getting run over.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:38 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lynchsdl@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: steve
Organization: Individual
Address: 47 375 Lulani street Kahalulu Hi
Phone: 808 369 6416
E-mail: lynchsdl@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

you have given us enough laws let us ride and be free I thought as people of America we have the RIGHT TO CHOOSE what we wear or will you tell us how to dress if the future

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:27 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: moonlightpaint@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kimo
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o.box10642 honolulu
Phone: 808-381-3747
E-mail: moonlightpaint@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

i will appear in person if requested mahalo for your time in this matter.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: brad.demello@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bradford M DeMello
Organization: Individual
Address: 45-760 Keneke St Kaneohe, HI
Phone: 8083434744
E-mail: brad.demello@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Seannichols13@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sean
Organization: Individual
Address: 3109 Calamondin Way Honolulu Hawaii
Phone: (808) 729-6650
E-mail: Seannichols13@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:52 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kliff@kmhawaii.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: muffler_laws.pdf

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Groff
Organization: Individual
Address: Limahana Lahaina, Hawaii
Phone: 808-266-8978
E-mail: kliff@kmhawaii.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

**Street Bikers United Hawaii supports current muffler law.
Noise complaints should be solved by enforcement of existing law, not creation of new law.**

Current Muffler Law in Hawaii:

§291-24 Motorcycles and mopeds, noisy mufflers; penalty. (a) Every motorcycle and moped moving under its own power on a public highway shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in constant operation to prevent any excessive or unusual noise and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle or a moped in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such motorcycle or moped above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped except a motorcycle or moped that:

- (1) Has three wheels;
- (2) Is powered by an electric motor;
- (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and
- (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system for the driver and passenger;

shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler.

(b) As used in this section, "muffler" means a device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates, or other mechanical design, for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from the engine of the motorcycle or moped, and being effective in reducing noise.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than \$100. [L 1949, c 21, §1; RL 1955, §311-27; HRS §291-24; am L 1978, c 222, §7; am L 1986, c 189, §1; am L 1994, c 120, §4]

[§291-24.5] Motor vehicle muffler. (a) No person shall use on a public highway, sell, alter or install a muffler which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by a motor vehicle above that emitted by the vehicle as equipped from the factory.

(b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a violation and shall be enforceable by police officers. The fine for this violation shall be not less than \$25 nor more than \$250 for each separate offense. Any person who violates the provisions of this section may be issued a summons or citation for such violation. [L 1977, c 79, §1]

§291-22 Regulation of exhaust pipe and muffler. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive upon the public highways any motor scooter, as defined in section 286-2, the exhaust pipe or muffler of which has been so changed from the factory design as to increase the volume or audibility of the explosions within the motor thereof. [L 1941, c 140, §2; RL 1945, §11718; RL 1955, §311-24; HRS §291-22; am L 1979, c 105, §28]

Deficiencies of recently proposed muffler bills:

Bills calling for specific decibel limits fail to consider the unintended consequences. Already overburdened police must be trained and certified in the use of decibel meters. Decibel meters must be maintained and calibrated for use as evidence in court. HPD has testified against bills calling for specific decibel limits for these reasons. Also, decibel limits set specifically for two-wheeled vehicles are discriminatory. Other vehicles and equipment often make as much or more noise.

Bills calling for "criminalization", felony penalties, and vehicle impoundment are over the top. Vehicle equipment violations should be fix-it tickets. People disturbing the peace may deserve a fine but are not felons. Bills calling for motorcycle impound lots grossly underestimate the costs of same.

Exhaust inspection is already part of the yearly inspection process. Exhaust pipes are checked for sound deadening baffles. Straight (un-baffled) pipes do not pass. The problem with adding more requirements to a yearly inspection is that a yearly inspection only determines compliance on one day of the year. Pipes can be changed after inspection. Also, with so many makes and models, it is impossible for inspectors to know for sure what is original, stock equipment. Original, stock equipment is often no longer available.

Bills calling for EPA labels on pipes would make currently legally registered and inspected motorcycles illegal, constituting a taking of millions of dollars of citizens' property since custom and hand-built motorcycles with "one-off" custom exhausts cannot get such labels. Additional repercussions would include the closing of custom motorcycle and exhaust shops in Hawaii and the laying off of their employees. Bills requiring EPA labels only for two-wheeled vehicles are discriminatory when not requiring EPA labels for all vehicles.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:31 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: info@webspaceexchange.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lisa Bickerstaff
Organization: Individual
Address: 705 Imihale Street Kihei, HI
Phone: 8082149089
E-mail: info@webspaceexchange.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I oppose to this bill because loud mufflers save lives!!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:22 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: gtlip0730@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Greg Lippert
Organization: Individual
Address: 6709 Hawaii Kai Dr Honolulu. HI
Phone: 8088529142
E-mail: gtlip0730@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

Are we saying that the Honolulu Police Academy has instituted all recruits to be able to hear decibel levels with their ears? How is the recruits ears calibrated and how is this legal, the calibration of ears?

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:21 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: schlitzsky@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Frank Schultz
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-6567 Kapolei Parkway Ewa Beach, HI
Phone: 808-393-3585
E-mail: schlitzsky@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: egamib002@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Raymond Egami
Organization: Individual
Address: kalawao hono,hi
Phone: 808 2843838
E-mail: egamib002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:59 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: domerb2002@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bradley Domer
Organization: Individual
Address: anania circle mililani, hawaii
Phone: 808-625-9270
E-mail: domerb2002@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:38 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: gsuenaga@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Gregory Suenaga
Organization: Individual
Address: 650 sheridan st 22 HI
Phone: 808 386-3322
E-mail: gsuenaga@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:
Against,not in the best interest of the people.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:23 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: potterm001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Potter
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 808 625-0882
E-mail: potterm001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

The drivers on our roads don't see a motorcycle while they are driving or in some cases texting while driving but they can hear a motorcycle if the pipes are a little louder the 95db. Thank you

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:21 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: naturalgeek@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Orr
Organization: Individual
Address: 3788 L. Honoapiilani E-201 Lahaina, HI
Phone: 808-463-8620
E-mail: naturalgeek@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:21 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: briangrayling@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brian Grayling
Organization: Individual
Address: 700 Richards Street Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808 537 2637
E-mail: briangrayling@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

This bill makes no sense. What is 95DB? Will the City purchase DB meters for HPD? If the alleged violator does not agree to the violation a violation shall not be issued (b3)? Is this bill targeted at one particular group, or will HPD motitor trucks, busses, rail (steel on steel), ships . . . the list goes on.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:16 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: j.fonseca27@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jennifer Fonseca
Organization: Individual
Address: 5819 A Fulmar Ave Ewa Beach, HI
Phone: 808-225-1244
E-mail: j.fonseca27@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: greenmahi@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jim Griffin
Organization: Individual
Address: 44-760 kaneohe bay drive kaneohe
Phone: 2553422
E-mail: greenmahi@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:
need a meter to measure db's not i think it's loud!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: moonlightpaint@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Napolitano
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o.box10642 honolulu
Phone: 1-808-735-0081
E-mail: moonlightpaint@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:01 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: copen73@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Matthew Hedrick
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: copen73@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. My main concern is how is an officer will determin determine 95 decibels. Will all officer be issued/equiped with a decibel reading device? If not how can it stand in court? Just like an officer needs a radar/laser to determine speed. Also, what will be the probable cause for an officer to pull you over? Will it just be the pipes (and guessing how loud they are) or will it be in conjunction with other infraction. To me this bill would be placing an unfair requirement on both the public and the police officers.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:58 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Scott.hunt65@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott Hunt
Organization: Individual
Address: 410 Kaha St. Kailua, HI 96734
Phone: 808-728-3161
E-mail: Scott.hunt65@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

Greatly oppose the muffler bill. My aftermarket pipes (mufflers) have saved my life on several occasions. If it were not for louder than stock mufflers, a car would have changed lanes and ran me off into the ditch killing me.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:53 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Bikerwoman07@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Deirdra Koja
Organization: Individual
Address: Hayden Hon, Hi
Phone: 808-391-6671
E-mail: Bikerwoman07@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I ride. Cars have changed lanes without seeing me! Been in so many near accidents, but when they hear me it awakens them!! I do not make noise just to hear myself, it is a Big safety issue. People driving cars pay so little attention as is! Too many distractions. Loud pipes Save lives. Thank you Deirdra K

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:53 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Multsu@me.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Servis
Organization: Individual
Address: 169 Hoopili akau st Kihei Hawaii
Phone: 808-217-2335
E-mail: Multsu@me.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

Hb 646 I appose this loudly , loud pipes save lives it is a proven fact by the department of transportation .. Look at the facts for every 100 motorcycle accidents only 1 was a motorcycle that had pipes that exceeded the legal decibel

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 11:52 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: angie0069@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ANGELA KOCH
Organization: Individual
Address: 95-1053 Koolani Dr #24 Mililani, HI
Phone:
E-mail: angie0069@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 10:42 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dspharley@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Darren Pamaylaon
Organization: Individual
Address: 3128 Hinano St. Honolulu HI
Phone: 808-220-6340
E-mail: dspharley@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:
Loud Pipes save lives

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 11:10 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ghostrdr3@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Kuntz
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ghostrdr3@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:49 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mikaele_hawaii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mika'ele Partin
Organization: Individual
Address: 856 West Shannon Street Candler, Arizona
Phone: 480-720-7592
E-mail: mikaele_hawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:24 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: GRUNTE7RET@HOTMAIL.COM
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: JOHN VINCENT LAMANTIA
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-938 LAAULU ST. UNIT 46-C EWA BEACH HI. 96706
Phone: 808-286-0677
E-mail: GRUNTE7RET@HOTMAIL.COM
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS NEED EVERY ADVANTAGE THEY CAN GET WHILE ON TWO WHEELS. BEING HEARD IS ONE OF THOSE ADVANTAGES. MY PIPES HAVE SAVED MY LIFE MORE THAN ONCE ON THE FREEWAYS OF OUR STATE.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:35 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mickey808@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dominic Corpuz
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mickey808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:33 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dyna98rider@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Michael Grilli
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dyna98rider@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Judgement is not a good measure of anything that CAN be measured. Police officers are human too. Mistakes can be made and each of us are different, some people may have more sensitive hearing than others. NO to meaurments with out a meter.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ekiyota69@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: edison
Organization: Individual
Address: kuahui st waipahu, hi
Phone: 808-342-7729
E-mail: ekiyota69@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:27 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: sailormoku@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Steven Longwell
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-103 Puhilaumilo Place Ewa Beach, Hawaii
Phone: 678-9796
E-mail: sailormoku@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill. As a safety professional the only way to determine the actual noise level is by utilizing a calibrated sound meter. The human is ear is not a calibrated instrument that can detemine a definitive decible level. The human ear can only determine if something is loud or quiet for only that individual. Again, strongly oppose.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:41 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: hwnmaile@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stephanie Longwell
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-103 Puhilaumilo Place Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 808 342-9253
E-mail: hwnmaile@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
I oppose this bill. Load pipes save lives!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:44 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jandreu@adt.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Andreu
Organization: Individual
Address: 224 Nalani St. Makawao, HI
Phone: 808-572-0471
E-mail: jandreu@adt.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Questioning whether a police officer can determine what 95DB is without a meter. Also need standard for testing, distance, height, speed of engine, calibration of testing equipment.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:20 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: pkiang1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paul Kiang
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: pkiang1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:32 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rtaparra@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Raphael Taparra
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rtaparra@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:35 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: sp.kiang@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Kiang
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sp.kiang@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:47 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: yankeebue07@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dennis Toth
Organization: Individual
Address: PO Box 223654 Princeville, HI
Phone:
E-mail: yankeebue07@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:03 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: vansteelf001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Frank Vansteel
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: vansteelf001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Loud Pipes Saves Lives

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:17 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: lopakalee@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Preston
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lopakalee@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:23 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: nalima@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Allison Haag
Organization: Individual
Address: 530 Ka Awakea Rd. Kailua, HI 96734
Phone: 261-0272
E-mail: nalima@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Being audible helps drivers notice a motorcycle. As a driver, I've had several times where I've almost clipped a motorcycle (BMW, Honda) because it was in a blind spot and I couldn't hear it. I've never had this with motorcycles that I can hear; especially when I can't see them. This bill leaves the discerning of the decibel level to the interpretation of the ticketing officer or person making a complaint. Safety, should be the issue, not sound! Loud pipes do save lives!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:38 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mauiwagger@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elizabeth Murray
Organization: Individual
Address: Lahaina, Hi
Phone:
E-mail: mauiwagger@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Loud pipes save lives. Cars very often don't see motorcycles. Loud pipes make them look.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:43 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: skyflyerbob@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: TSgt Robert T. Hoffman
Organization: Individual
Address: 541 Kenolio Rd Kihei, HI
Phone: 808-877-6076
E-mail: skyflyerbob@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

It is impractical to expect the Patrolman to be able to ascertain the sound level without instrumentation. It will be very expensive to enforce.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:50 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tom.demello@mauielectric.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas DeMello
Organization: Individual
Address: 200 Hobron Ave Kahului HI 96732
Phone: 808 871-2355
E-mail: tom.demello@mauielectric.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:59 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jim.pilgram@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James R. Pilgram
Organization: Individual
Address: 5171 Kikala Rd Kalaheo, Hi
Phone: 808-652-0997
E-mail: jim.pilgram@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

This puts an extra burden on officers to be certified in determining what 96db is and will require them to carry a calibrated Decibel Meter and NIST certification of yearly calibration. This will add additional expense for equipment and training for the police department.

On the Motorcycle side, The biggest excuse given for a motor vehicle operator striking a motorcycle rider is, "I never Saw them". As a seasoned daily rider, I know that having an audio presence forces drivers to stop and look when they hear the sound of a motorcycle. The other option is for a motorcycle rider to install an obnoxious horn on their motorcycles and sound them whenever they are approaching or being approached by a motor vehicle or approaching an intersection to get "Seen".

My opinion here is the public at large likes motorcycles and part of that is the sound. I look at the sound as an insurance policy. Most big rigs and commercial trucks on the state highways make more noise than the average motorcycle. I don't hear a big uproar about them. There are certain members of the population that just don't like motorcycles. Do we really need another frivolous, selectively enforced law on the books?

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:12 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ralph.pasatiempo@diebold.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ralph Pasatiempo II
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 808-330-2772
E-mail: ralph.pasatiempo@diebold.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose the Bill simply for safety concerns, Riders are not being seen, so must be heard, and with Cars with sound proof windows and such, its all the more reason that the Bike system functions at high decibels to make drivers aware of our presence on the road that we share. Mahalo!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:18 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: sdxn12ga@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Steve Dixon
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-1457 Halahinano St. Kapolei, HI
Phone: 676-5336
E-mail: sdxn12ga@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

After 15 years of motorcycle riding, I know that motorcycle horns can rarely be heard by motorists. The quick rev of the engine has many times alerted motorists of my presence and kept them from completing a lane change which would have resulted in my bike being hit by a car unaware of my presence. Quiet pipes would not have saved me. Motorists look for cars but not motorcycles. That is my experience.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:33 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Alex@maukamakai.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alex Lag
Organization: Individual
Address: 999 Bishop St # 1850 Honoulu, HI
Phone: 8085440303
E-mail: Alex@maukamakai.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as my explanation of why I oppose this bill. Although mufflers emitting noise represent some kind of pollution and it can be disturbing for some people, at the same time, in the case of Motorcycles it can save lives as there are many car/truck drivers that keep ignoring cyclist and motorcycles, a muffler emitting noise is a good way for car drivers to hear a motorcycle around them, it is a safety issue. Many moped riders get into accidents because car drivers do not see them or hear them coming. There is no reason a truck should have a loud muffler, but a motorcycle represent a safety matter to be heard and seen. Please save lives, do not pass this bill.

Thank you!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:33 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bugbug@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sheyna M Haag
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bugbug@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

This is absolutely ridiculous give me one really good reason why this should pass!? I certainly can not think of one! For one, this is not your place, you self serving entitled elitists, that sound is a company trademark and it is no business of yours changing or demanding alteration on ANY of their or any one else's products! For a second thing, as a driver I have had a few close calls with motorcyclists in the past four years. All of these close calls have been because I could not SEE (due to blind spots) or HEAR them (because they are so quiet). Don't get me wrong I like any motorcycle period and I am in no way against them nor most of the riders. These close calls, however, have NEVER occurred when the rider was on a harley. Why? Because even if they are in a blind spot I can HEAR them. Not only is the sound a harley trademark but it also prevents accidents or close calls from happening for both the rider(s) AND surrounding drivers. You over step yourselves! How about you devote more of your TAX PAYER FUNDED time doing what we pay you to do (and just incase you are still scratching your head what we pay you to do does not include this superfluous crap!!!!)

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:41 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: thughesfam@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Hughes
Organization: Individual
Address: 47-005 A Hui Iwa Pl Kaneohe, Hawaii
Phone: 808-226-4990
E-mail: thughesfam@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Is the City and County of Honolulu willing to spend the money to give HPD officers decibel meters to measure levels or are they expecting them to use conjecture which will not hold up in court and cost taxpayers needless dollars?

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:10 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rachell.yadao@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rachell
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-1054 Kaiopua Street Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 808-371-6032
E-mail: rachell.yadao@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:10 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rachell.yadao@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rachell
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-1054 Kaiopua Street Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 808-371-6032
E-mail: rachell.yadao@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:32 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: deanueda@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dean Ueda
Organization: Individual
Address: 98-1737 Halakea St Aiea, HI
Phone: 808-228-8209
E-mail: deanueda@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:29 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: cptspeedo@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Eric Hayden
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cptspeedo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

First of all, all these burocrats need to experience certain things first hand or else they should not be allowed to make any kind of decisions on the matter.
And here is why : I am 50 years old and have been riding motorcycles all my life all over the world. So I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE OVERLOOKED BY CAR AND TRUCKDRIVERS !! (This can be deadly !!) At the same and even more importantly so :
As a cardriver I KNOW THAT IT IS EASY TO OVERLOOK A RELATIVELY SMALL MOTORCYCLE !!
Now to the MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MESSAGE :
" LOUD MOTORCYCLES WILL BE NOTICED ON THE ROAD AND CAN SAVE LIVES !!! " Remember :
NOISE IS SAFETY

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:27 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: scott.ginter@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott Ginter
Organization: Individual
Address: 135 Manino Circle Apt.102 Kihei, HI 96753
Phone: 808-250-5152
E-mail: scott.ginter@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:25 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: uliinsales4ever@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Uli Martin
Organization: Individual
Address: P.o. Box 10905 Lahaina, HI. 96761
Phone: 808-276-1575
E-mail: uliinsales4ever@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:25 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: joel.collins@sunshinehelicopters.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: JOEL COLLINS
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: joel.collins@sunshinehelicopters.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:18 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: gakhawaii@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: guy kort
Organization: Individual
Address: 7235 pulehu st honolulu, hi 96825
Phone: 220-5849
E-mail: gakhawaii@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

load mufflers save lives, ask any biker that was almost hit by a car that didn't see them in the lane next to them.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:16 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: daboogah@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yasumo Osabunga
Organization: Individual
Address: 520 Lunalilo Home Road #7208 Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 8083950171
E-mail: daboogah@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement. If this is a way to get more money via fines, then the measures of subsidizing personal cars for police officers should be looked at. Raising taxes on politicians should be looked at. Many other ways than some frivolous reason like this.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:17 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: souciem002@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Soucie
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: souciem002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I don't have loud pipes and I don't advocate for obnoxiously loud pipes either. However, too many drivers say "I didn't see him." We do all we can to see and be seen on the road and having a silent bike is like a death sentence. There are laws on the books re: noise pollution and they can be enforced. Don't single out motorcycles when these little cars with the coffee can mufflers are screaming around town in violation of noise abatement laws.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:16 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: TERRYC5@MSN.COM
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: TERRY COLLINS
Organization: Individual
Address: 475 KEKOANUI PLACE HAIKU HI
Phone: 808-572-7814
E-mail: TERRYC5@MSN.COM
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:44 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: wpreston@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Whitney
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: wpreston@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:41 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: glen.masaki@hawaiiantel.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Glen Masaki
Organization: Individual
Address: 1268 Kaluawaa St Honolulu Hawaii
Phone: 8082651476
E-mail: glen.masaki@hawaiiantel.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

A Motorcycles defense is either to be seen or heard! If you take away the sound, cars will be cutting into a motorcycle if it is in his blindspot and there is no reaction time for the motorcycle rider. I am Opposed to any changes in the law!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:57 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kola_ipo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Richard Medeiros
Organization: Individual
Address: 7261 Koki st Hon, Hi
Phone: 808 286-0983
E-mail: kola_ipo@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Fuel efficiency and safety should be considered. The counties have in place, how to handle noise during hours of the day.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:03 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: chrisair@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: christopher ferrara
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 8087341806
E-mail: chrisair@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

This bill appears to give the police too much discretion in the field as it doesn't require an electronic noise measurement device. Even if it did how are the police going to use it effectively.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:16 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: drwillkim@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dr. William Kim
Organization: Individual
Address: 1221 Kapiolani Blvd HONOLULU
Phone: 8085918000
E-mail: drwillkim@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I ride a motorcycle. Loud exhausts can save lives...it did mine a couple times...Drivers can hear you before they see you. Motocycles are not as conspicuous as cars or trucks on our busy streets and freeways. On the other hand....I think city buses make more noise than motorcycles. Ever drive down Kalakaua next to city buses...now that is noise pollution

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:34 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dwaddell@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: David Waddell
Organization: Individual
Address: 70A Kahiapo Place Haiku, HI
Phone: 808-575-5497
E-mail: dwaddell@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Let man & his motorcycle be one freedom he has left in this country !

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dwaddell@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Darlene Waddell
Organization: Individual
Address: 70A Kahiapo Place Haiku, HI
Phone: 808-575-5497
E-mail: dwaddell@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Let freedom ring !

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:56 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jack@aquaengineers.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Earl Jack Wilhelm
Organization: Individual
Address: 3208 Palai St. Lihue. Hawaii
Phone: 808-245-6267
E-mail: jack@aquaengineers.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Sons of Kauai is a group of motorcyclist that have been active for 10 yrs. We are bike enthusiast that love to ride. We are not a club. To pass HB 646 would be a deterrent to rider participation. Kauai bikers have supported all of the Charitable organization on many fundraising events. To retrofit these motorcycle that don't comply would be the end for that rider. Too expensive. A noisy motorcycle alerts motorist that somebody is around them. I have ridden on the mainland on several occasions and felt very secured with a rental motorcycle that exceeded the decibel requirement. I firmly oppose HB646. Also, many of us own custom made expensive motorcycles. The exhaust systems are designed to best orcastrate the engines performance. Again, I emphasize my opposition to passage of HB646

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:31 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: SCOTT.CHOI@TRUSTA.US.COM
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: SUK CHOI
Organization: Individual
Address: 700 BISHOP ST. SUITE 1700 HONOLULU, HI 96813
Phone: 808-524-8080
E-mail: SCOTT.CHOI@TRUSTA.US.COM
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:32 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ray@southmauichoppers.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ray valois
Organization: Individual
Address: 330 ohukai 115 kihei hi. 96753
Phone: 8459933
E-mail: ray@southmauichoppers.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:36 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: doku69@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Terrill Watkins
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 808 382-1408
E-mail: doku69@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because the officers attempting to validate the noise level will have no quantitative means of determining the decible level of an exhaust system or muffler. Individual hearing is extremely subjective with regards to perceived noise levels and is unacceptable to most citizens as a standard. The analogy would be an officer giving a speeding ticket based on their seeing a vehicle and estimating the speed solely on the visual cues, with no quantitative data.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:37 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: meeyo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lisa Yoza
Organization: Individual
Address: Pearl City, Hawaii
Phone:
E-mail: meeyo@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:54 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rhinoryank@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ryan Kano
Organization: Individual
Address: 273 Kaumakani Street Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-393-9186
E-mail: rhinoryank@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646. Motorcycle mufflers save motorcyclist lives as motorist can hear a motorcycle coming by.
Ryan Kano

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:54 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: sandrajeanne@live.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sandra Martini
Organization: Individual
Address: Mikohu Ewa Beach, HI
Phone: 863-521-5925
E-mail: sandrajeanne@live.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:02 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bromane001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ed Broman
Organization: Individual
Address: Honolulu Hawaii
Phone: 808 5282186
E-mail: bromane001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
under 21 should where

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:02 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: gtokishi@priory.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gordon Tokishi
Organization: Individual
Address: 1348B Wilder Ave Honolulu, HI
Phone: (808)673-1752
E-mail: gtokishi@priory.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Online Testimony Submittal on Measure HB646

I am writing this letter apposing Bill HB646, requiring police officers to determine 95dBs from a vehicles muffler. I live on Ward Avenue, one of the busiest roads in Hawaii. My home faces Ward Avenue, which makes it difficult, at times, to sleep when a big-rig or uncapped moped comes flying down Ward Ave. at 4:30 in the morning. I've been woken up in the middle of the night by loud car stereos booming so loud that I can still hear it a half a mile down the road. Our police officers can't even enforce Honolulu's Boom-Box Law. They are now required to cite people who are using their cell phones while operating a vehicle and it seems like every other driver I watch go down Ward Ave is still using their phones.

I would also like to know how they (HPD) intend to determine what the required sound level is to a large semi truck or the sound of a modified scooter? How will HPD determine what is an acceptable level just by listening to a motorcycle at idling speed?

Speaking from experience as I am privileged enough to hear some of the loudest vehicles come speeding down my street. I've listened to everything from souped-up Chevy's to little Toyota's with actual train horns blasting from their grill and I fail to see how this can be regulated by our police officers who are already inundated with more and more new laws, just because a small minority of people who seem to think that this will stop the noise.

I am an avid motorcyclist and understand how people feel about those obnoxious riders who just can't control the throttle on their Harleys or chopper. This however can be enforced with current laws such as the "Exhibition of Speed" rule. I have aftermarket exhaust pipes on my motorcycle and it has saved me from negligent drivers who are not paying attention when they are changing lanes. Had they not heard the sound of my exhaust they would have continued changing lanes, colliding into us, causing bodily injury or even death.

I do not condone the abuse of these exhaust systems but to make our law enforcement officers try and determine what the proper noise level is for the guy on his Harley is absurd when our own C&C buses are just as loud if not louder.

Sincerely,

Wyman Chang
920 Ward Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96814

RE: Proposed Motorcycle Muffler Bill, HB 646

As a long time motorcycle rider, who uses his motorcycle daily to commute to work, I absolutely oppose the muffler bill. I do so for several reasons.

One, 'loud pipes saves lives'. I commuted for several years on one of the most congested freeways in the country, the I-405 in Southern California. When using the stock mufflers, I would often be cut off by four wheel vehicle drivers who did not see me in the lane. Once I installed the legal louder pipes (not extension but attached to the manifold), the louder sound allowed four wheel vehicle drivers to know that I was near them and become aware. Now living in Honolulu, I found that the H-1 and connecting freeways are also extremely busy with similar safety concerns as I had seen in the mainland. four wheel drivers do not pay attention to motorcycles!

Two, with almost one million people on the island, HPD has more important crimes to handle than loud motorcycle pipes. The families of myself and my wife include both active and retired police officers (HPD and LAPD). The common theme from all of them is drugs, gangs and guns. How much of the officers' time are you willing to sacrifice to pursue loud motorcycle pipes? Does the City and State have enough revenue to add police officers to pursue these 'loud pipe criminals'?

Three, consider that motor scooters and other similar two wheeled vehicles. Neither the vehicle nor the operator are required to be licensed. Many are extremely loud and are operated in mainly residential areas. Many of the operators are young and do not use them safely. I believe that enforcement money would be better spent (and also revenue opportunity) requiring that all motorized vehicles used on the public streets, as well as the riders, be required to be licensed, or at least permitted. Other states already require this.

I believe that many of the complaints are coming from the Waikiki area. The many large buildings concentrated in the area causes echoing of the sound of the pipes among the buildings. I find it highly unfair to penalize the many motorcycle riders in Oahu, who ride in a safe and conscientious manner, for the few who gun their motors, at night, when riding through the Waikiki area.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my statement of opposition to the proposed bill HB 646.

Brad Vasquez

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:07 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: livnrite@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jesse
Organization: Individual
Address: Kapolei,Hi
Phone:
E-mail: livnrite@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill to regulate muffler noise to 95 dcb. I feel this is an unfair bill because noise violations should be only in certain areas, not the island as a whole. If I am not mistaken there are already areas of Oahu that have these type of noise violations in place already, and certain times that noise can be made. We need to try and enforce these areas a little better, and maybe add a few more.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:52 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: brunski655@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Chabriel
Organization: Individual
Address: 655 Akoakoa St. Kailua
Phone: 261-4345
E-mail: brunski655@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I ride a motorcycle. They can be dangerous. Not because of my riding skills. I am 64 years old and have been riding since I was 16. I have taken both the beginner motorcycle course, offered by the State of Hawaii and the advanced course. What makes riding dangerous is the drivers in their cars! They have the windows rolled up with their air conditioning on, listening to the radio and using their cell phones (illegally). If they don't see us, we're dead. They need to see us and HEAR us. "Loud pipes save lives". I am a firm believer of this motto. Just to placate a few elderly people in Waikiki high rises who are "annoyed" by our bikes is NO reason to pass a new law to make it MORE unsafe for us motorcyclists. Let us live! Do not pass this law! Our lives depend on it! Thank you.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:59 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: popek0522@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin M. Pope
Organization: Individual
Address: 95-716 Kelewaa St Mililani, HI
Phone: 808-754-5971
E-mail: popek0522@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:57 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: howardkam@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Howard Kam III
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: howardkam@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

This is concerning the Bill H.B. NO. 646

Hearing on Feb 7, 2011 being held at 9am room 309

I would like to submit this letter of opposition for bill HB646. How will our Honolulu police officers enforce this law if it's approved? How will they be able to determine what is 95dBs and what is not? I am very concerned that we are spreading our police department too thin on things that are virtually impossible to enforce.

Since the new law restricting drivers from using their cell phones has been enacted I have yet to see it enforced. Every other vehicle I see has a driver on their phone. How will they be able to enforce this sound restriction law when they can't even enforce the cell phone law?

How will they enforce the noises made by City and County buses or large semi trucks or modified scooters. There is a Boom Box law which states that if a police officer can hear your car stereo from more than 30 feet is in violation of the law. But yet I still hear these obnoxiously loud car stereos everywhere I go. I don't understand how you can punish the majority of motorcyclists who obey the laws because of a few inconsiderate motorists.

On more than one occasion the exhaust pipes on my motorcycle has prevented an inattentive driver from drifting into my lane almost causing an accident and either injuring myself and my passenger or worse, killing us.

Sincerely,

Mark Inoshita
1106 Liku St
Kailua, HI 96734

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:46 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: derrickajpaintingllc@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Derrick Kaina
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-215 Aukahi Place Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Phone: 808-277-2744
E-mail: derrickajpaintingllc@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Loud pipes save lives.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:43 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ajpaintingllc@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tracy Gray
Organization: Individual
Address: 1672 California Ave. Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786
Phone: 808-230-9973
E-mail: ajpaintingllc@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

If you pass this law you will have more mortorcycles down on the roads of Hawaii. When cars are traveling with their radios on and A/C running they cannot hear the motorcylces, this is why we cannot pass this law. This will cause to much fatalities on our roads of hawaii.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:34 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: 123.golf001@live.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donald M. Fujimoto
Organization: Individual
Address: 3339 Unhae Street Lihue, HI
Phone: 808-652-6538
E-mail: 123.golf001@live.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:29 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ghold62@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Harold Holdreith
Organization: Individual
Address: 1862 Puowaina Dr. #2 Honolulu, Hi
Phone:
E-mail: ghold62@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose the HB 646 Bill, a patrol officer can no way tell just by listening with his ear what the level output is from a muffler.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:29 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dfrazier@mauicoasthotel.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Frazier
Organization: Individual
Address: 2259 S Kihei Kihei, HI
Phone: 808-280-7200
E-mail: dfrazier@mauicoasthotel.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
Strongly oppose!!!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:24 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tmanke_2000@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rob Manke
Organization: Individual
Address: 4706 Oklahoma ave Honolulu, Hi
Phone: 8087447312
E-mail: tmanke_2000@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Hello,

I am opposed to **HB 646** because it will cause an even more unsafe condition, motorcycles need to be heard on the road first because of their limit in size which make them harder to see and second so the motorist knows that there is something nearby and are alerted, I do acknowledge that there are inconsiderate motorcyclists out there that disregard noise policies "but are very few".

I have been riding fulltime for 36+ years and so far in the last 2 years that I have been in Hawaii I have had more close calls than I have had on the mainland for at least the past 10 years, I attribute this mostly to driver impatience, driver incompetence and drivers utilizing cell phones or loud stereos – I would prefer a law be passed for the vehicles that have 800watt bass thumpers that annoy everyone out there and are far louder than motorcycles, they are more numerous and more blatant than a motorcycle with a set of headers.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:11 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: astanley1@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: CHARMAIN STANLEY
Organization: Individual
Address: 92-1036 Kneehoa Loop Kapolei, HI 96707
Phone: 808-429-4539
E-mail: astanley1@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I believe having louder exhaust only helps drivers hear & recognize riders when they are next to them. I am in the Navy & I ride my motorcycle everyday to work to help the environment & save gas & every morning I get cut off or come very close to being hit due to drivers not paying attention & start to come into my lane without any type of warning. I have stock pipes so my bike isn't very loud & I don't plan on changing them out, but that's my choice so I just have to ride more defensively. It is a lot safer when I ride w/ my husband because his bike is a little louder & his biker is larger so they do tend to see him more than they do me. But I believe a rider should do everything possible & legal to make themselves more visible & noticeable not only for their safety but for the drivers around them. A lot of drivers I know have said to me that they have come close to clipping a motorcyclist because they didn't know they were next to them. A bike by itself is much smaller than cars or trucks so it's understandable that someone might not see them when they switch lanes & since that is a fact why not allow louder pipes to help riders be noticed & help drivers notice them more when they are in close range? I believe louder pipes save lives & to take that choice away is just increasing their chances of being in an accident. All bikers shouldn't have to suffer because of a few individuals that don't respect their surroundings by revving their engines. If those individuals do that & get caught they deserve a ticket. Point blank..LOUDER PIPES SAVE LIVES!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:57 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: astanley1@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ALLEN STANLEY
Organization: Individual
Address: 92-1036 Knanehoa Loop Kapolei, HI 96707
Phone: 808-429-4539
E-mail: astanley1@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the fact that a motorcycle rider puts his/her life on the line everytime they get on their bike way more than drivers in vehicles & having louder exhaust only helps those drivers hear & recognize riders when they are next to them. To many times I have seen friends & other riders get cut off or come very close to being hit due to drivers not paying attention & start to come into the motorcyclists lane without any type of warning. I have stock pipes so my bike isn't very loud & I like it that way, but I ride very defensively & if I'm in someone's blind spot I always speed up past them so they know I'm there. But at times that even isn't enough. I believe louder pipes saves lives because it brings attention & awareness for drivers to recognize when a bike is in close proximity. I also believe if a rider is sitting at a light or where ever just revving his/her engine just for the sole purpose of making noise then yeah they are in the wrong & THOSE individuals should get ticketed. All bikers shouldn't have to suffer because of a few individuals that don't respect their surroundings. Boils down to is ...SAFETY! LOUDER PIPES SAVE LIVES!

First let me say, I OPPOSE the bill.

I am a mother, wife, and a working member of the community. I know at times things can get loud and disturbing, but it is also known that there is a time and a place for it. When I am riding in my truck and my 3 boys are in the back fighting over who gets to have what game or they are messing with each other I may not always hear everything around me and I defiantly don't always see a motorcyclist. When I say that, know that I ride a Harley. Not a passenger, I am a licensed driver with my own Harley and my boys deserve to have a mother.

Motorcyclists aren't always seen, but it is reassuring to know that we can be heard. I cannot even tell you one time that honking my horn had gotten the attention of a motorist who was coming into my lane, not seeing me, but they do hear my pipes when I rev them up. How fair is it to take away the one thing that has saved my life on more than 20 occasions in the last year? It's not! There are inconsiderate motorists out there, we all know this. There are also inconsiderate vehicle drivers out there as well. The pipes create a noise not that of a vehicle radio. This bill cannot be compared to that of the noise of a bar, club, or a radio from a vehicle. I would like for you to consider this when making your decision.

Please consider the safety of your abundant motorcycle community when making this decision.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:47 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ron@ronahn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ronald Ahn
Organization: Individual
Address: 1448 Uila St. Honolulu, HI 96818
Phone: 808 423-8290
E-mail: ron@ronahn.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

"I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement."

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:51 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tsujir@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ryosuke Tsuji
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tsujir@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: maurick@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rick Ramirez
Organization: Individual
Address: 110 Laumakani Loop Kihei, Maui
Phone: 808-280-9305
E-mail: maurick@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:19 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dkyork@devinyork.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Devin K. York
Organization: Individual
Address: 5605 Dovekie ave Ewa Beach, HI
Phone: 8086727635
E-mail: dkyork@devinyork.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:32 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: thor_jp@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph Peck
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: thor_jp@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:19 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: cigemp@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daniel Leek
Organization: Individual
Address: 2036 Kalihi St. Honolulu Hawaii
Phone: 808-561-8119
E-mail: cigemp@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: davemark61@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Markle
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: davemark61@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose of this so called bill trying to be law. It is unfair to good citizans who just want to enjoy a nice bike ride around the island. The bike riders are unfairly targeted because of unhappy, selfish people, who doesn't want to see others enjoy their life.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:00 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dutch@afmchi.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Corey Singletary
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dutch@afmchi.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:04 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: flathead@afmchi.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David F Martel
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: flathead@afmchi.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:05 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: hua@afmchi.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jason
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hua@afmchi.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:07 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: panzer@afmchi.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jerry Stephens
Organization: Individual
Address: 91-1031 Kaimalie St. #4A1 Ewa Beach
Phone: 8087214936
E-mail: panzer@afmchi.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Police will have no way of enforcing this law aside from pulling motorcyclists over and testing them. Which means that the police will be able to arbitrarily pull motorcyclists to ticket them. This is wrong, reasonably loud pipes have saved me from being hit by buses and drivers who do not pay attention numerous times. City traffic inside a car registers at 80db, that means that a car may not hear me next to them under the new law. This means that the aforementioned driver could very well hit me if they are not paying attention.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mudrocks@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carl Mudrick
Organization: Individual
Address: 2011 Coyne Street Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-9496-0064
E-mail: mudrocks@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I wear a helmet every time I ride my motorcycle, as does my wife, Eleanor. We oppose any legislation which requires helmet use because the choice should be made by each individual rider. There are advantages and disadvantages to helmets. Helmets provide limited protection in some accidents but greatly impair hearing and visibility, which makes the rider unaware of impending danger and more vulnerable to some kinds of accidents. I have been completely surprised by the actions of some motorists who sneaked up on me because I did not see or hear them - and I would have seen and/or heard them if I wasn't wearing my helmet. So far, I have been lucky, but I have attended the funerals of others who were not. Please let Hawaii's riders continue to make the choice for themselves. We deserve the right to protect ourselves as we see fit and I think our knowledge and experience trumps your well-meaning efforts to save us from ourselves. Thank you.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:23 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jeffery.kam@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeffery Kam
Organization: Individual
Address: 95-107 Elehei Place Mililani, HI
Phone:
E-mail: jeffery.kam@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:01 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mikaele50@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Thomas
Organization: Individual
Address: 19 Aea Pl Lahaina, Hi
Phone: 808 669 7884
E-mail: mikaele50@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I don't think that only motorcycles should be penalized for noise issues. Mahalo

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:59 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: motorunnin@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott
Organization: Individual
Address: 2212 Aloha drive honolulu,HI
Phone: 808-753-9824
E-mail: motorunnin@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

Do the people that write these (BILLS) ride them selfs? i have beed riding in hawaii for the last 28 years,I have been saved more times becuase my motorcycle was loud enough for the person in the car with the windows up to know i was there and not cut me off!!! if my bike was (quite) im am positive that that person in the car would not know where i was and cause dammage to my self or others!!! i am opposed to this bill

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: rbasuncion@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Ron Asuncion
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rbasuncion@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:15 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: tutukane@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Warren Sunada
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tutukane@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:
let those who ride decide loud pipes save lives

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:37 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mudrocks@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM HB646

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carl Mudrick
Organization: Individual
Address: 2011 Coyne Street Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-9496-0064
E-mail: mudrocks@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

No one likes loud noises and I have always kept the manufacturer's original exhaust system on my motorcycles. I rely upon my wits and luck to avoid accidents with thoughtless, inattentive, and aggressive car and truck drivers. In my experience, the most dangerous of all are the inattentive drivers. They are nice people who accidentally kill you. It is widely believed among bikers that the sound of their exhaust alerts even inattentive drivers to their presence. I believe this is true some of the time. I also believe that the loud noise bothers some people much of the time. It would be nice if we could wake up the sleeping drivers and get the attention of the cell phone text'ers and make-up appliers some other way that doesn't disturb citizens who happen to be near the roads. I would support such an invention or practice if one can be created. In the mean time, I think it is essential that motorcyclists be given every opportunity to preserve themselves, including the use "after-market" exhaust systems. I also think the police have better things to do than guesstimate how many decibels they hear coming from a motorcycle exhaust. A lot of good could be done by giving tickets to people who run red lights, make right turns from the left lane, turn and change lanes without signals, etc., and those pursuits would save more lives than ticketing noisemakers. Thank you.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:29 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jeffery.stepanoff@us.army.mil
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jeff
Organization: Individual
Address: 157 unit 103 Rarrick CT Wahiawa, HI
Phone: 719-322-1844
E-mail: jeffery.stepanoff@us.army.mil
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bigcountry692001@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Holley
Organization: Individual
Address: 66-889 Kamakahala st Waialua Hi
Phone: 808-295-1625
E-mail: bigcountry692001@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:01 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Dogtoes@Hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David millar
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 808-351-4732
E-mail: Dogtoes@Hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I commute to work on my motorcycle, and since I installed louder exhaust pipes cars do not cut me off as much, they actually look over thru their mirror or window. It is much safer Esp since half the drivers are on their phones, texting, or have loud music. It's just another way motorcyclists can be "visible" on the dangerous roads.

Thank you

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 9:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: toddo@clearwire.net
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Todd Hatanaka
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 22166 Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: (808) 479- 7220
E-mail: todd@clearwire.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: Linda Wong [leiahi@me.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 12:25 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Strong support foe HB 646 re muffler pollution

HB 646 relating to mufflers

DATE: Monday, February 07, 2011
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

To Chair Souki and Transportation Committee:

I am in strong support of HB 646. The change to the service/repair industry for compliance makes this Bill fair. Also a standard of 95 decibels is more than fair to those with loud mufflers. This will rid the public of trying to have a policeman catch vehicles in motion. The mopeds and other such vehicles with loud mufflers on our streets cause noise pollution, stress and other health curtailments to the public.

Please pass House Bill 646 and end the recurring outcry for help with muffler noise and air pollution in our state.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Linda Wong
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3071 Pualei Circle
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:38 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jeremy@penco.org
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeremy Sirkin
Organization: Individual
Address: 60 N. Nimitz Hwy #2408 Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 808 545-5195
E-mail: jeremy@penco.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
I strongly OPPOSE this bill!

To: Members, Committee on Transportation (Hawaii House of Representatives)

Subj: HB 646 – Opposition to

I support the current muffler law. I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 646, and any other proposed bill to change current muffler law. Noise complaints should be solved by enforcement of existing law, not creation of new laws.

Bills calling for specific decibel limits fail to consider the unintended consequences. Already overburdened police must be trained and certified in the use of decibel meters. Decibel meters must be maintained and calibrated for use as evidence in court. HPD has testified against bills calling for specific decibel limits for these reasons. Also, decibel limits set specifically for two-wheeled vehicles are discriminatory. Other vehicles and equipment often make as much or more noise, even emergency service vehicles, but let us not pretend that this bill is targeted at anyone other than motorcyclists. In addition, my motorcycle was assembled as original custom equipment from Harley Davidson, but under HB646 I may be held responsible for the OEM provided equipment.

Bills calling for “criminalization”, felony penalties, and vehicle impoundment are over the top. Vehicle equipment violations should be fix-it tickets. People disturbing the peace may deserve a fine but are not felons. Bills calling for motorcycle impound lots grossly underestimate the costs of same. Nor do they take into account litigation costs to the state, city and/or county brought about by the proposed bill.

Exhaust inspection is already part of the yearly inspection process. Exhaust pipes are checked for sound deadening baffles. Straight (un-baffled) pipes do not pass. Also, with so many makes and models, it is impossible for inspectors to know for sure what is original, stock equipment. Original, stock equipment is often no longer available in some cases, and in most cases it takes more than 30 days to have items shipped from the mainland. I recently ordered a small item that is a regularly stocked/shipped item from a motorcycle dealership, and it took 34 days to arrive. This small item was included in their “regular” shipment...so a proposed 30-day term to correct a violation with stock parts is disingenuous at best when discussing OEM exhausts and motorcycles.

Bills calling for EPA labels on pipes would make current legally registered and inspected motorcycles illegal, constituting a “taking” millions of dollars of citizens’ private property – since custom and hand-built motorcycles with “one-off” custom exhausts cannot get such labels. Additional repercussions would include the closing of custom motorcycle and exhaust shops in Hawaii and the laying off of their employees. Bills requiring EPA labels only for two-wheeled vehicles are discriminatory when not requiring EPA labels for all vehicles.

Proposed language in the bill will open the state, as well as the City & County of Honolulu to litigation. Does the Honolulu Police Department have decibel meters, are they calibrated correctly, and are the officers properly trained in their use? I can guarantee that receiving a violation notice from a police officer because “the officer thinks,” or “it appears to him/her” that a violation may have occurred (without indisputable proof as provided by a calibrated and properly used decibel meter), that the cost of litigation alone for multiple tickets will shutdown an already cash strapped local and state government.

Furthermore, allowing the ticketing after “other law enforcement actions” (again as quoted from the bill language) could also result in litigation. Imagine that “other law enforcement action” was a stop for

being one (1) mile over the speed limit with intent to harass a motorcyclist, or any other type of vehicle driver for that matter. The ambulance chasers would be lining up left and right to take those cases.

Maybe it is finally time to apply common sense and quit targeting – openly or otherwise – those of us that own a mode of transportation that uses less fuel and gets better gas mileage, takes up less space, and does less damage to our roads and environment.

I hope you, our legislature, above all others, can find that common sense and defeat this bill and any future bills of this nature.

Regards,

Scott B.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:15 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ntachida@horwathkam.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Naoko Tachida
Organization: Individual
Address: 700 Bishop St STE 1700 Honolulu
Phone: 8085248080
E-mail: ntachida@horwathkam.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB 646 since current laws already exist to address this matter, and that any further modification will only add to the administrative burden and costs associated with its enforcement.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:31 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: expd@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Chris Tronolone
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: expd@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 10:15 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dmesaki@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dennis M. Esaki
Organization: Individual
Address: 1610 haleukana st lihue, hi
Phone: 6520912
E-mail: dmesaki@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I am opposed to the bill unless it pertains to the decibel levels of all equipment, machinery, aircraft, etc.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:13 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: wegesendw003@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Warren F. Wegesend, Jr.
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: wegesendw003@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:41 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: ron@gimotos.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ronald Victorino Jr
Organization: Individual
Address: 4555 Pouli Rd. Kapaa, HI
Phone: 808-822-7283
E-mail: ron@gimotos.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:00 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Tiktoomy2@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: GENE GILMAN
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Tiktoomy2@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
I oppose this bill

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 12:58 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Tiktoomy2@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shawne Garliepp
Organization: Individual
Address: 1544 Akahale Place Kailua, HI 96734
Phone: 808-262-1810
E-mail: Tiktoomy2@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

The bill states "ALL motor vehicles" which includes motorcycles. It is imperative that a motorcycle have a loud enough exhaust to alert a driver that they are in close quarters with a bike, to avoid the car from turning into the motorcyclists which has happen to several of my friends. I am adamantly opposed to this bill

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kkkikuka@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Kikukawa
Organization: Individual
Address: 562 Kipuka Place Kailua, HI 96734
Phone: 808-261-1422
E-mail: kkkikuka@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
Thank you for your consideration of my opposition to this bill.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:35 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mtenorio@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB646 on 2/7/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Tenorio
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mtenorio@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments: