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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:19 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Request to testify on HB1178

## **LATE TESTIMONY**

Kent Izuka

**Owner**  
**Security & Sound Systems**  
**To: Committee On Transportation**  
**Date of Hearing: Wednesday, February 9, 2011**  
**Time of Hearing: 9:00 AM**  
**House Bill 1178**

### **To whom it may concern:**

I am responding to the proposed legislation HB1178, entitled, "Relating To Vehicle Audio Equipment" which is scheduled to be reviewed by the Hawaii House Committee on Transportation. I am the owner of Security & Sound Systems, a 21-year-old business located on 2131 South Beretania Street in Honolulu, HI. We sell and install mobile electronics products, such as audio, security, video, and safety systems, in vehicles.

What is the intent of House Bill 1178? Is it to stop people from playing their car stereos at a loud volume? If so, there is a law already in place for that which allows the Police to issue a ticket if one's system is heard from 30' away. This is similar to how speeding is handled. The Police issue a ticket if one is caught speeding. There is no ban on equipment that happens to allow them to go fast.

I would like to clarify the use of the particular audio equipment that is being limited in the bill. Having multiple (more than four) speakers, including some that may be larger than 6.5", contribute to achieving a higher level of sound quality. I find it disturbing that one would propose a bill to limit the installation of components necessary for a high fidelity audio system in a vehicle. Why do Hawaii consumers have to be penalized by not being allowed to have high quality audio equipment in their vehicle? This surely is not the proper way to regulate noise a noise issue. If the sole purpose of certain product is to disturb the public, that equipment should be banned, but not equipment that is designed to offer high fidelity sound.

The bill proposes that you can't have 5 or more speakers, unless they were installed at the factory where the car was built. Most vehicles have at least six speakers from the factory, with some having 19 or more, such as a Lexus LS460. Why the limit to four or less for everyone else? Looking at the auto manufacturer's websites, you will find them touting "high resolution", harmonic richness", natural dynamics", "musicality", "stable three dimensional imaging and soundstage" as benefits of multiple speaker systems with proper high power amplification. Is the typical customer who buys a \$80,000 Lexus LS460 going to be disturbing the public? I don't believe so. He will be enjoying a higher level of sound quality.

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

highly trained, professional, tax-paying business owners in your state who gainfully employ your citizens and are active, positive participants in their respective communities. With millions of dollars of car audio equipment being sold every year in Hawaii, I firmly believe that this bill would severely reduce the amount of jobs available to current employees of these retail establishments, such as my own. Further, because it would greatly limit the growth of our business, it would also reduce the chance of hiring additional future employees.

Sincerely,

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**From:** handcraftedcaraudio@gmail.com on behalf of Jon Kowanetz [jon@handcraftedcaraudio.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:51 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB1178

## LATE TESTIMONY

To Whom it may concern,

I have been informed about this Bill that is set to be voted on tomorrow and I felt it was necessary for me to write you to voice my opinion.

I think that this bill is discriminatory in it's very nature and akin to banning the sales of cell phones in lieu of enforcing hands-free laws. How can there be a distinction made between a "disruptive" sound system that was installed aftermarket versus one that was installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle? Is the manufacturer left out of this bill because you know that you simply can not take them on? Is that really ethical or even legal?

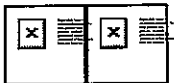
I have been in the Mobile Electronics sales and installation business for over 16 years. I have achieved Master Installer certification, recently won Installer of the Year for 2009/2010 and I currently provide for my family by offering these services to consumers just like local Hawaiian businesses do. What we do for our customers is not intended to be a nuisance, it is intended to add entertainment value to their vehicle. 90% of my customers get sound systems in their car for their own enjoyment, not to push the limits and not so that other people can hear their music. As a matter of fact, in most systems that I do, the vehicle is so thoroughly treated against vibration that it could be paying full volume inside and you could not hear it outside. To outlaw any aftermarket system simply because a small majority of the people take it past the limit would be like banning Harley Davidson motorcycles because a small majority of their riders feel the need to rev the engine in the presence of a crowd, while the majority just love the freedom of the open road.

If this bill passes, it will cripple local business and set a very dangerous precedent towards just how much our rights can be trampled on. In a time of economic despair, when most people are lucky if they can pay their bills every month, it is simply irresponsible for a government to take an action that would put employees out of work. I very strongly recommend that you do not pass this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Jon Kowanetz - Owner/Operator

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**From:** Todd Brady [bradyscustom@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:50 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Concerned citizen

I understand that excessively loud car stereo can be a bit of a nuisance but to impose a ban on allowing people to customize their cars to attain better sound is an irrational proposal. People also don't like loud mufflers, loud horns, people smoking, big SUV's, window tint, bright lights, certain colors, are you planning on telling everyone they have to have white small four door cars with no modification or changes allowed? If there is an issue of excessively loud noise then issue citations for that infraction but restricting people from upgrading to a nicer sound in their vehicles is not the way to accomplish this. In a challenging economy do you really feel that creating laws that will effectively destroy jobs and businesses is the right thing to do. Please consider the grand implications that this law will have on an entire industry set and the people who work in it.

Thanks for your time,

Todd Brady

Owner of Brady's Custom Audio, Visalia, CA

with over 22 years in the car stereo and home theater business

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**From:** Amjad Hasan [amjadhasan15@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:37 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** bill HB 1178

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"bill HB 1178"

This is just ridiculous.

I, for one, am an avid car audio fanatic, and employed sales person at Elite car stereo in Pearl city Hawaii, implementing a law to restrict the actual possession of aftermarket car audio gear? Ridiculous.

In an economy that's doing poorly with jobs and is hurting all around who in their right mind would want to introduce a bill that kills MORE jobs? What are these people thinking? If this passes in Hawaii, what's stopping it from spreading to the mainland and a similar bill being passed in the states?

How about the state's lost of income of the sales tax?

How about the unemployment the state has to pay?

The focus should be on how to limit sale of fire arms (which kills people), clean up the streets of drug users and dealers (which also kills and hurts people and their families) fix and clean the street of homeless (which hurts our Hawaii image for tourism, which is a major income for our state)

I understand the cell phone law while driving  
I understand the smoking law (20 feet)  
I understand the fireworks law

But banning car audio

This is just ridiculous

A concerned Hawaii resident,  
Amjad Hasan  
Elite car stereo & security  
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** mmarcello05@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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

Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: martin marcello  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mmarcello05@gmail.com](mailto:mmarcello05@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** robertclay1@windstream.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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

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

Comments:  
Worry about actual crime.

**From:** Andy Hill [andyhill@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:27 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1178

## LATE TESTIMONY

Hello,

I believe this is not the right move. I really would like to visit Hawaii someday, and if something like this passes it would make me think twice. I always visits audio stores when traveling just to see how and what it is like in different areas of the country. And if there is none in Hawaii, why go? What would be next, is there limits on how loud a train can be? A Airplane? Harley Davidson? Or a 1967 GTO muscle Car? Where does the limit start and where does it end? Good luck and I hope the right votes come through to do what is right for the people that still enjoy a vehicle that sounds great.

Andy Hill

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/lists/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1178](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/lists/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1178)



**From:** Collin [colushi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:32 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1178 Ridiculous

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Hello,

Please see that this law is ridiculous. Me and my whole family has aftermarket stereos even my parents has it for the bluetooth options.

Also if it goes into effect, do i and my whole family have to just throw all our stereos away?

It would be like banning cars to stop speeding, banning alcohol to stop drunk driving, or banning cigarettes so they don't smoke too close to building entrances, or banning phones in cars to stop people from talking or texting on the phone.

I feel that you should address the main issue which is the noise. For example the consequences if you get caught making it too loud. It would benefit the state's deficit if you make it a high fine.

Thank you for your time.  
Collin N. Ushijima

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**From:** nishikawa30@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:33 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to House Bill HB1178 - Concerning aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment

I am writing in opposition to House Bill HB1178 concerning aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment. This bill does multiple things that will hurt Hawaii and the individuals who live and work here:

1. There is a whole industry comprised of small (Car Audio and Security Specialist, Auto Sound Systems, Progressive Auto Sound, Security and Sound etc.) and large businesses (Discount Store, Best Buy, etc.) that provide local jobs in our communities, will have to close their doors because a majority of the income derived to keep their business running comes from the sales of speakers, subwoofers, amplifiers and aftermarket CD and/or DVD players.
2. These local companies also support other industries that repair these items locally (Maui Sound and Repair) and manufacture representatives (DEI, Alpine, MTX, Kenwood, Pioneer, etc.) who live in Hawaii.
3. This bill is written to allow only Original Manufacturers Equipment to be installed in "your" vehicle. It takes away an individuals ability to choose what they want to put in their car, even if it is something that improves upon the Original Manufacturers Equipment, such as a back-up camera to be installed with a DVD player when a car doesn't have one installed.
4. If there is a noise pollution issue, then existing laws can be used rather than creating a law that will "destroy a local industry, " while service based, provides jobs and has been apart of our Hawaii landscape.

Please do not allow this House Bill to pass and move forward. It will shut down locally owned stores and business at a time when we needed every dollar to stay in Hawaii, it takes away the rights, choice and safety of individuals and there are current laws in place to help regulate noise pollution other than to create "this law" which would hurt Hawaii...period.

Sincerely,  
Les Nishikawa  
Waipahu, HI 96797

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:37 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** moshiro2-Debra  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mary Kaprinock  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [moshiro2@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:moshiro2@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

### Comments:

I have a Pacemaker, and the BOOM BOOM BOOM sounds from vehicles affect my heart, making my heart beat faster. The pounding sounds also go up to my brain. The sounds just cannot be blocked out. I hope this bill passes.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:08 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** lesly57@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lesly Manding  
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E-mail: [lesly57@gmail.com](mailto:lesly57@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Yousef Ahmed  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:00 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** braquini\_57@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: brian raquini  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:38 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** Kden55@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** HB1178.txt

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John Huihui  
Organization: Individual  
Address: P.O. Box 6515 Kaneohe  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Kden55@aol.com](mailto:Kden55@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

There are already laws in place to deal with the people that are the cause for this bill.

HB1178.txt

I am simply going to say that this proposed bill is simply OVER KILL!!!!

Car Audio has been a hobby of mine for 20 years and think it is just ridiculous to even propose this bill. I am not someone that goes around blasting my stereo at all hours of the day and night. Yes there are those out there that need to be taught to respect others but this bill will punish the majority because of the actions of the minority.

How do you compare a loud stereo that you maybe able to hear from a 100ft. (for example) to a Harley Davidson that you can hear blocks away!?!?!?

Aloha,  
J.Huihui



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:49 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** slim33180@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Diego  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [slim33180@hotmail.com](mailto:slim33180@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

yes to guns but not to audio equipment?

anything positive on bringing your states economy down?

how about you focus on actual crime

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

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Justin Cresci  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** nishikawa30@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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E-mail: [nishikawa30@aol.com](mailto:nishikawa30@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

### Comments:

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Sincerely,  
Les Nishikawa  
Waipahu, HI 96797

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** partycheetah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

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

Comments:

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**To:** TRNtestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sam  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [sammcmurran@rocketmail.com](mailto:sammcmurran@rocketmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

### Comments:

Admittedly, car audio enthusiasts have the ability to stir up noise. However, a very select few people are car audio enthusiasts, and a very select few car audio enthusiasts abuse their custom stereo systems in ways that involve being obnoxious to others. Car audio is a hobby that draws many people together across their respective regions, and its large market has become a safe haven for countless jobs across this nation today. I am a car audio enthusiast, and many people would be surprised to find out how many of us are actually opposed to the few people that blatantly listen to their music without any regard to others. It is a problem that should be enforced strictly by law enforcement, but it should by no means represent the car audio community as a whole. This can be compared to the select few motorists that choose to add aftermarket exhaust systems on their vehicles. Everybody knows that these types of people are obnoxious, but nobody blames motorists in general for the problem. The same can be said about car audio. Though our community of enthusiasts is much smaller than the one of motorists, it is of strong importance that the Hawaiian lawmakers become aware that we are of a peaceful community and that the goal of our hobby is the exact same as other hobbies: good, clean fun and interaction with others who share the same interests.

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

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brad Erwin  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:29 PM  
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**Cc:** theespius@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:



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**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:  
A lot of my friends will loss thier jobs if it happens.  
i love sounds.

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**From:** Ian Crumpton [i\_crumpton@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:43 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Bill HB1178

**LATE TESTIMONY**

This bill is quite simply ridiculous. There are already hefty fines in place for people who abuse their automotive stereo systems. Let's not penalize the general public who appreciate good music in the comfort of their own vehicles.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:40 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** jehdayjavier@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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E-mail: [jehdayjavier@yahoo.com](mailto:jehdayjavier@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
A lot of people going to lost jobs.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:38 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** tiffanyvallente@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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

Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tiffany Nicole Vallente  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

A lot of business are gonna get affected and a lot of people are gonna lose there jobs.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:37 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** Stanleycacho@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stanley Cacho  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [Stanleycacho@yahoo.com](mailto:Stanleycacho@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
A lot of business are gonna get affected and a lot of people are gonna loose there jobs.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:29 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** bbbfourlife@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

## LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rizthony L Domondon  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [bbbfourlife@yahoo.com](mailto:bbbfourlife@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

### Comments:

A lot of business are gonna get affected and we cant let that happen to our economy right now.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:23 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** lopezjc92@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jaycee Lopez  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 693-6104  
E-mail: [lopezjc92@yahoo.com](mailto:lopezjc92@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

**From:** marc deschamps [marcs325i@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:20 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** bill HB1178

## LATE TESTIMONY

Hi,  
My name is marc deschamps and this is in regards to the bill HB1178.

First of all I would like to say that the bill is very unfair and discriminatory to people who actually enjoy music. I was a professional car audio installer from 1992 till 2003 and still do it today as a hobby and for myself because I love to listen to good sounding music. Being reproduced accurately and with hi fidelity.

To pass a bill that limits my right to buy and install certain audio products because they are to "large" is unfair. You all must understand that just because a subwoofer is "large" that its gonna make a lot of bass but that's not its main purpose. The larger subwoofers provide stronger and better low frequency reproduction in music then a small undersized subwoofer.

I feel the problem we face is how the subwoofers are being "used". The impression is that if someone puts 4 10s in there care that its main focus is to be "loud", when in fact what they are really doing is trying to get enough cone(surface area) to allow the air being compressed to replicate the low frequency they desire.

Also the main purpose of the amplifier is to reproduce those frequencies at a more dynamic level with less "fatigue" and better transients( control)

Is this needed in a car? well do we need to change our rims or do we need to purchase a 60 rear projection tv for super bowl?? no but we like it and enjoy it, same as with having a hi fidelity car audio system with ample power and the right amount of speakers to replicate the entire audio bandwidth in music,

I personally feel that its not the amount of power being applied to the subwoofers or the amount of subwoofers that is the problem but the person behind the volume controls of that system driving past peoples houses at 12 in the morning.( that is the real reason this bill is being introduced). We should pass a bill that doesnt limit what I the "responsible" audio user should and can put in my car but control the people who just "crank" it up.

taking my audio system away from me because of some people who are abusive is just not justified in my mind. Its the same like taking away my harley davidson motor cyle with no exhaust because its so loud..?? oh wait no one complains about the uncapped exuast on Harleys when they blow past me doing 80 miles an hour on the highway and i cant hear my two 15 inch subwoofers because clearly that exhaust is to damn loud...but i guess thats another topic of debate that seems to never hit the round table to say.

what i think you and the rest of legislation should look at is this

1. lets not penalize the entire car audio community who respect and love there music, the ones who put on the shows and have these loud vehicules demonstrate there volume in a safe and positive enviirment.
2. lets make a way to penalize those who abuse the systems that they purchased with there hard earned money which does have a positive impact on local economy.
3. how to make a set of justified laws to combat the issues within the community should be taken up with a rep for the communtiy and some of the persons locally in hawaii that support car audio..manufactor reps and car audio shop owners, i feel most of the poeple for this bill and some of the legislation have never listened to a beautiful car audio system with larger woofers and ample power, the time to take in a car to set up proper sound stage and blending for subs and rest of speakers is an artform. i think once you the reps see the postive side of car audio and maybe have a better understanding of how having larger woofers and ample power is beneficial that we as a people can actually come up with a better solution to the matter then simply taking the "easy " way and just limiting me to run one six and a half inch sub in my car for bass, sry i wont hear that sub over the road noise or that harley...sry had to use it.

thanks again and i hope u get this email and i would like to just stress that education is the key for everyone before passing a bill thats this harsh to a group of individuals who really are postive in car audio and enjoy music, we should come up with a solution on how to combat the abusers and not the "responsible" car audio passionist. education is key, look up a respectable car audio company named ROCKFORD FOSGATE, they had a" practice safe sound" campain in the early ninties and it was very sucessful.



make reasonable laws that are easily enforceable and target fairly the ones who are abusive behind the volume knob.

oh btw if this bill passes i will have to move out of state because my music means that much to me and since i commute in my car more then anything else i need hi fidelity audio that only a good system can provide.

thanks again and aloha  
marc

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:15 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** lei808@msn.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Deanna Yamashiro  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:49 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** Diabloboy77@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position:  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: jesse guzman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone: 8086883382  
E-mail: [Diabloboy77@yahoo.com](mailto:Diabloboy77@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:37 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** Nevar808@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chase  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Nevar808@yahoo.com](mailto:Nevar808@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

Opposing against the banning of car stereo systems. Ever thought about lawn mowers, construction trucks, jack hammers, leaf blowers ain't the same? Do you know that some stock car stereo systems have more than 5 speakers, and exceeding way over 100 watts. Also most stock car stereo systems that have built in subwoofers exceed over 6 1/2". Many cars that come with stock subwoofers are 8-10". Its not right to create a law that would ban the whole car audio community, just because a few people are blasting their systems.

**From:** Gregory Massaro [gregoryj@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:22 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB 1178

**LATE TESTIMONY**

To whom it may concern,

This bill is an atrocity. If this bill is to pass, it will decimate many of the **LOCALLY** owned and operated stereo shops that are an integral part of many of the communities on Oahu. Our government is suppose to support local businesses and employees, and help this state get back on its economic feet, and HB 1178 will create a wide spread domino effect across many different areas within and extending beyond the mobile electronics business community.

It is **IMPERATIVE** that HB 1178 is rejected and put to rest. There are already noise violation tickets in our legal system which penalize any person found guilty of exceeded the stated limitations.

Here our voices and let it be known that we **OPPOSE** HB 1178!

Sincerely,  
Gregory Massaro  
MECP Installer  
Best Buy #763

**From:** Gregory Massaro [gj.massaro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:28 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB 1178

On behalf of the mobile electronics business and consumer community, we OPPOSE HB 1178. This bill only places a band aid on a symptom and does not address the real sound ordinance problem

Ø If a minority of people are abusing their consumer electronics, there are ways to deal with that – noise ordinances or breach of the peace offenses. But a law that would ban an entire class of otherwise legal technological devices is unprecedented and unnecessary.

Ø Most states and towns have laws designed to address excessive sound produced by a variety of sources, including construction equipment, vehicles, and leaf blowers. Such laws help support an enjoyable living environment in our neighborhoods; however, banning the use of an entire class of product could cause greater problems and do not remedy the overall noise pollution problem.

Ø Hawaii has an existing noise ordinance in statute (Sec 41-31.1), where it is unlawful to play a vehicle's audio system when it is audible from a distance of 30 feet. Whereas HB 1178 only targets a class of products, which can still cause noise pollution at well under 100 watts of input, it does not correct the problem the bill seeks to remedy.

Given the nature of the current economic climate, this bill would compound the economic impact local retailers and installers face in the state of Hawaii because it would prohibit the installation of an otherwise legal product

Ø Many new vehicles (even vehicles manufactured 5-6 years ago or more) have more speakers included in the car than HB 1178 would allow.

Ø HB 1178 would limit aftermarket speakers and subwoofers installed in cars which would impact the fair trade of audio components intended for use and installation in cars and create an imbalance in providing preference only to new car dealers if a consumer wishes to have an audio system with more than five speakers, with a subwoofer, or with more than 100 watts of power delivered to any single speaker.

Setting an arbitrary limit on the amount of speakers and subwoofers that are allowed in a car creates unnecessary problems and barriers for consumers

Ø In a state like Hawaii, replacements are at times necessary, considering the island/salt air and humidity, and many consumers will look to seek replacement in the aftermarket. Simply replacing all of the speakers in a vehicle that has more than the number suggested in this amendment would make that a violation. The same concern applies in cases of damage or theft, where replacement (often using aftermarket equivalents) is common.

Ø Many cars have more speakers and subwoofers than would legally be allowed to be replaced if HB 1178 went into effect, which means consumers would be penalized for

purchasing a car because it would be illegal to have a simple replacement of the speakers under the bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:38 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** gurlllove808@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nicole  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [gurlllove808@yahoo.com](mailto:gurlllove808@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

The people who work for these installment areas are going to loose their jobs, not only that but the people who spend thousands of dollars on these stereos, screens, and/or car accessories will go to waste .



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** jdog3mta3@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

## LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: jobey rodriguez  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [jdog3mta3@gmail.com](mailto:jdog3mta3@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

### Comments:

there are already laws in place for disturbing the peace there should not be A total ban across the board but stiffer fines, towards the individual and better hightened awareness of loud stereos. nobody should be told what to do with there own vehicles which they pay for with there own hard earned money

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:29 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** Rita.Barrientos@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rita Barrientos  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone:  
E-mail: [Rita.Barrientos@yahoo.com](mailto:Rita.Barrientos@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
Many businesses will shut down and people will loose their jobs.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:14 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** ironic808@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

## LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Abe Jhoe Gaoiran  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 8085488962  
E-mail: [ironic808@gmail.com](mailto:ironic808@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

people will lose there business if you will approve of having sound system ban and this is how our economy will get more worse. So for me i oppose of this bill and it is not worth banning for,

this is just crazy btw  
our union is just wasting there time for such a small problem. DDDDDUUUHHHHHHH!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:04 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** daryll\_dalinoc98@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: daryll dalinoc  
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Phone: 825-1775  
E-mail: [daryll\\_dalinoc98@yahoo.com](mailto:daryll_dalinoc98@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
my friends will loose their job.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:04 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** highhawaii@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMON**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cara Owan  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 808-651-6483  
E-mail: [highhawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:highhawaii@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

Its unreasonable because if their abiding with the rules then it shouldnt be a problem.

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

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lauren  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 808-729-8668  
E-mail: [Laurenpualani@live.com](mailto:Laurenpualani@live.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

A lot of buisness will go down & many of my friends will lose their jobs.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

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**From:** Scot Yamamoto [scotshane@gmail.com] on behalf of Scot Yamamoto [scot@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:30 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB1178

I was shocked to hear about this proposed bill and cannot imagine something that is so discriminatory is even being considered being made law. Stricter laws to enable the police to enforce noise complaints should be implemented, not laws that punish considerate people with an interest in listening to music in their vehicles. The proposition is incredibly restrictive and, I believe, nearly impossible to enforce so why even consider it as all it will do is hurt local businesses that sell these products. Those that want to create noise will just order product from the mainland and continue on.

Scot Yamamoto

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**From:** Kyle [kbseto@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:13 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Car audio bill

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Please allow use of car speakers larger than 6.5" & car audio equipment greater than 100watts. Most car audio enthusiasts are responsible owners; do not allow irresponsible actions of a few ruin the enjoyment for the majority.

Kyle seto

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:12 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** lbagood@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Luklea Bagood  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lbagood@hotmail.com](mailto:lbagood@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

This is such a waste of time and money to talk about this bill. The person who created this bill only seeing one side of the story. How do expect HPD to enforce this law I'm sure HPD has better things to do like enforce DUI or Speeding and what about the local Business owners that make a living on installing stereos what about them is this person going to support these owners when they go out of Business or does he expect the state or tax payer to cover there unemployment and Over do Bills. Don't we need everyone working so we can make sure we as a state stays a float in this Economical Hard ships.

Just because a few others take it over the limit doesn't mean you need to punish everyone for it. What about the law they have now why not just raise the payment violation from what it is to 10% higher.

I just think spending the time talking about this bill is wasting money when this person should be coming up with way to help the state out of this Economical Hard ships.

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

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Greg Endo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [gregendo@gmail.com](mailto:gregendo@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:56 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** renantejunior@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: renante  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 3895534  
E-mail: [renantejunior@gmail.com](mailto:renantejunior@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

should not ban it because its up to the people if they want sounds in their vehicles and our island is already getting to strict and if you banned sounds sound system store owners would lose their jobs and the economy can get worst. also from banning fireworks thats already pissing every body off. and if sounds get banned that would be very dissapointing to music lovers and if you got problems with the sounds for being too loud just deal with.

**From:** Sean McCarthy [big.sean.mccarthy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:53 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Re: HB1178 testimony

## LATE TESTIMONY

House bill 1178 - Criminalization of aftermarket audio in vehicles  
Name - Sean McCarthy  
Position - OPPOSED

### Testimony

I believe passing house bill 1178 may be detrimental to many businesses who make a living on installing and fixing aftermarket audio, which is proposed to be banned. This may well likely put many of them out of business, and would allow car manufacturers to monopolize the car audio market. I have family and friends who enjoy after market car audio as a hobby, a profession, and a way to put food on the table. Banning their hobby would not only put them out of business, but it would put them out of a hobby. Stock car audio systems in some cars also exceed some of these guidelines expressed in this bill. The exemption of OEM sound systems in cars goes to show that car manufacturers could easily exploit the law, allowing them to charge absurd prices for an audio system some audiophiles would consider "descent," therefore monopolizing the car audio business in the state and kicking the smaller audio shops while they are down. All of that economical hurt for a little peace and quiet... but NO! Passing house bill 1178 would not stop disturbing noise in residential areas. Here is a list of a few other loud noises that would still continue if house bill 1178 would be passed:

Harley Davidson bikes

Construction in close proximity to homes

Party goers (and loud music! sound familiar??) in close proximity to homes (SEE: Location of Blue Dragon in Kawaihae)

Car audio is also a hobby for many kids these days. Instead of getting into trouble, they learn basic electronics such as ohms law, how to reduce distortion, and wiring of the sound system. If this hobby was to be criminalized, either they would go on to find another hobby, which may actually be dangerous such as racing or drugs, or they would just continue to build now illegal car sound systems and get into trouble, costing more money and more heartache on families already tight on money.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the cons grossly outweigh the pros of passing this bill and it should be thrown in the trash, stomped out, and forgotten. The amount of possible economic destruction, along with the loss of a good, safe hobby, would be absurdly huge compared to the peace and quiet that would not be gained by banning aftermarket audio, due to the fact that car mufflers, construction, and blatantly bad positioning of aspiring music venues would still continue to exist. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:49 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** yum\_yumfries@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Phuong Nguyen  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Middle Street Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-454-3483  
E-mail: [yum\\_yumfries@yahoo.com](mailto:yum_yumfries@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
A lot of my friends can lose their jobs if this passes .

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:48 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** donachie@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1178 on 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM

## LATE TESTIMONY

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

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### Comments:

I'd like to add my support to the attempt to address (excessive) noise from car sound systems. I live on Dole Street; between 6 pm and 3 am daily, mostly at weekends, I can hear boom, boom, boom from well over 300 feet. Although I live 100 ft from the street, the noise from one passing car - beginning about 300 feet away - started a door in my building vibrating! Imagine, a door in a building 100 ft from the road vibrated because of the music from a passing car.

I've repeatedly completed on line police reports, with the same half dozen license plate numbers, but the current legislation is impossible to enforce: Section 41-31.1 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. "If the sound generated by any radio, tape recorder, cassette player or other machine emanates from public property and can be heard at least 30 feet away," then it is considered "prohibited noise."

As I write this at 12:30 am, after midnight, I can hear booming from the road! I used to live at the intersection of Wilder and Metcalfe; one police officer there on a Friday and Saturday night would earn his annual salary!

Best regards,

Stuart

**From:** Stephen.Lasher@blab.afcent.af.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:50 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii Hearing on Excessive Sound

## LATE TESTIMONY

Hello, I am writing to you about the "Hawaii Hearing on Excessive Sound" and urging you to please re-think this law. I understand your concern for excessive sound and agree with it to a point but what you need is sound ordinance laws that are enforced. I myself own a very expensive audio system for my car but it is used in sound quality, the volume is never turned loud and can never be heard outside the car. Also think of all the people you will put out of work and businesses that will have to close. Aren't we trying to reduce unemployment. I think there are much better ways to resolve noise problems than banning aftermarket sound in the ways I am reading you want to.

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**From:** Todd C.W. [todd\_cw@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:32 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1178 -- Business-Killing Bills are Anti-Capitalism

**LATE TESTIMONY**

My name is Todd C. Wetmore.

I am opposed to arrogance and this bill reeks of it.

Businesses would be put out of business in a time when we need all the business we can get. Small businesses are the BACKBONE of America, this bill would break them.

This bill is unfair and is communism basically. When there is already a law that needs to be enforced (noise ordinance), banning speakers when Oshiro hasn't a clue is wrong.

On the news he just sounds like a grouchy old man, all Habut because the music to him sounds like "wonk wonk wonk wonk wonk."

Discriminating against age (this time against youth) is evident in his Motive; Today's music irritates him, especially hearing it loud. Well; Sorry Pops! We don't rock the Beach Boys and Motown so much in 2011.

If the "noise" was the Four Tops, Oshiro wouldn't be all Habut! The fact that it is a predominantly young, Black musical form with a pronounced emphasis on drums is why the Persecution is on.

Do we want to ban something that is a Business-Killer (the toy guns fall into this category too)? No.

And to ban it because it is loud black music that Oshiro doesn't like? This is just TOO politically incorrect of a bill (if you delve into it) to even want ones name signed to. It is straight-up TOXIC, dude! The way he mimicked the music was just as distateful as when Rush Limbaugh mocked Chinese people just recently. F-ing Gross.

Sincerely,  
Todd C. Wetmore

p.s. Don't let Oshiro's blunder/arrogance become Law that will put LOCAL businesses out of business. The after-market stereo industry (and the hip-hop industry) is just something HE doesn't understand. In light of this you must throw away this KNEE-JERK legislation.



**From:** Todd C.W. [todd\_cw@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1178 - Just Say NO

## LATE TESTIMONY

This bill (HB 1198) is Socialism... In a free market we cannot allow Big Government to intrude frivolously into the consumer affairs of the people

The World's Last  
Communist Regimes:

- Cuba
- North Korea
- San Francisco
- Hawaii ?

**"The essential characteristic of socialism is the denial of individual property rights." - Ayn Rand**

- 1.) DEMOLITION MAN WAS JUST A MOVIE -- DON'T MAKE IT OUR FUTURE!
- 2.) STOP MICROMANAGING US AND JUST LET US BE!
- 3.) CONGRESS IS GETTING TOUGH ON ERADICATING BUSINESS-KILLING LAWS/REGULATIONS -- SO WHY ENTERTAIN THIS ULTRA-LIBERAL WASTE?

Thanks for your time,  
Todd C. Wetmore

p.s. editorial cartooning/satire is what I do.

# LATE TESTIMONY

To the Honorable Representative and Committee Chair Joe SOUKI, Vice-Chair Linda ICHIYAMA and the members of the Transportation Committee;

My name is Noel ARAKI and I am and have been a life-long resident of Hawaii, I am asking you to vote against House Bill 1178 "Relating to Audio Equipment, §291 Aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment; excessive sound amplification prohibited."

Inherently this bill seeks to make the ownership of an aftermarket car audio system illegal; this will deter the ability of any citizen to choose a higher quality or other type of entertainment options for their vehicle. However, I do agree that the initial intent of this bill, which attempts to reduce the number of vehicles driving on our streets with "LOUD" stereos, is a good concept; this measure, in its attempt to outlaw aftermarket audio equipment, is not a good idea.

Simply put this, law is merely attempting to legislate common sense behavior for the minority of people who are inconsiderate of others. However this law will affect small businesses that rely on this market. This will affect the choices that we citizens are normally afforded in an open marketplace.

The City and County of Honolulu already provides an Ordinance that restricts amplified sound (Revised Ordinance 41-31.1) which is aimed at the use, or abuse, of loud stereos. This bill seeks to make the ownership or the mere use of an electronic audio system, regardless of how it is used (in a responsible or irresponsible manner) a crime.

Again I state that I am opposed to this bill. And the idea that the legislators want to create laws to punish the greater population for the irresponsibility of the few is somewhat overbearing.

Abet the sarcasm, but will the legislators then be making all cigarettes illegal, just because a few people smoke too much and create a health risk; will they outlaw all alcohol because of the drunk drivers that still operate on the roadway; or will they outlaw guns, knives and other dangerous instruments because some people commit crimes with those items.

Taking away our freedoms, punishing the general public by restricting our actions and freedoms in the name of a few bad apples is something I cannot support, and if you decide that you wish to support this bill, you will lose my support.

Sincerely,

Noel ARAKI

February 9, 2011

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Dear Rep. Oshiro,

As a public servant, you are misusing your position in government to benefit your own personal agenda. Your proposed bill HB1178 infringes on my personal freedom, along with everyone else, when you dictate what should, or should not be installed in my own personal vehicle. What's next, you will try to pass a law restricting the type of paint for vehicles because the colors hurt your eyes?

It's not an issue of noise pollution as you claim. Let me express to you that I myself am annoyed daily by the noise pollution that surrounds me. For instance there's the waste disposal truck, with the loud engine running, and continuously beeping non-stop at 2am or 4am or 6am, two or 3 times a week. Or the incessant buzzing and revving sound of leaf blowers, tree cutters, weed-whackers going off so early in the morning. Or the inconsiderate and thoughtless individuals, who unfortunately for me, pass back and forth at odd times in the late evening/early morning on the sidewalk at my residence...they yell obscenities, argue with one another, or sit outside my window having conversations on their cell phones...if you can believe this I was even awakened one night by a group of guys who apparently ran naked around the area screaming "naked mile @\$%!" at the top of their lungs. Your issue with the cars passing by with loud music are the least offensive of the bunch of noise polluters as the ones I've mentioned, as their offense last a mere few seconds and is not as frequent (my apartment faces, and is on a busy street).

Your proposed bill isn't a solution. Installation of custom in-dash stereos, usage of digital music devices in cars, large speakers capable of emitting loud sounds are not the problem. It's the inconsiderate people who abuse these devices who are the cause of your ire. Police should ticket offenders of noise pollution when they come across them, rather than your idea of

making it a crime for a citizen to express one's personal freedom and customize or use particular audio instruments in their personal vehicle. Or perhaps designate certain areas as no cruising zones with noise ordinances (you could even make it time specific) and give fines to those offenders that violate it. Police don't have to be posted at the location all day and night, just when offenses are typically made could they patrol the area.

You have to realize that your attempt to alleviate your personal annoyance causes not just a major annoyance to us citizens, but you are also violating our personal freedoms. I honestly feel that your time would be best served trying to find solutions to the homeless dilemma. I believe it's more important to clean up the streets, parks, and the island overall from the squatters, mentally afflicted, and drug abusing blight of the community. That to me is the most important issue that needs to be prioritized and addressed by local government.

Sincerely,  
George Munoz

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Comments:

# LATE TESTIMONY

To the Representatives of the State of Hawaii,

I have recently become aware of legislation HB1178 "Relating to Vehicle Audio Equipment". I do understand the intention of this legislation. However, it is my opinion that it is neither a solution or in any way a benefit to the people of Hawaii. If passed it will do more harm than good by forcing an unfair expense on the people that live here. At the same time it will have a negative impact on the State's economy as a whole. I also believe that it goes against some of the founding principles of this country such as freedom of choice. For these and many more reasons I urge you to deny this legislation.

All car manufacturers offer premium sound systems as an option on their cars. The majority of these systems exceed the limits outlined in the legislation. The reason for this is because it will enhance the sound quality over lower end systems not just to increase the volume at which it is being played. Any low end system with less power and smaller speakers will still be able to be play at loud volumes. By passing this legislation you are creating un-fair playing field in which car manufacturers have a monopoly over the People of Hawaii. It would force those of us that want a premium sound system to get it as an additional option from the car dealer at a premium that can cost 2 to 5 times more than we would pay through after market channels. Also without competition to keep things honest what is to stop car dealers from increasing their prices on these options that are often so expensive because they are part of packages that include things they may not be wanted. I ask that you not unfairly burden the Residents of Hawaii with this additional cost that many cannot afford.

There are over 50 dealers here whose business depends on being able to offer the services that the legislation intends to band. 50 dealers with varying amounts of employees from a couple to as many as a dozen employees who would be out of work if passed. Countless families would be instantly without a pay check. With mouths to feed these families would turn to an already strained state for help. Not to mention these dealers bring in millions of dollars of products and service all of which are taxed and help our local economy. Let's keep local spending local and show our support for small business by turning down this legislation.

Lastly I would like to point out the obvious. We are capitalism; a key component of being a capitalist society is choice. This legislation removes that component in favor of large corporations at the expense of the small business. Please send a message to the small businesses that the State of Hawaii is firmly behind them and that you will not pass a poorly written hastily thought legislation that is bad for this State and its people.

Thank you for your time and I know you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,  
Pride of Hawaii  
Tommie Maldonado

# LATE TESTIMONY

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a written testimony regarding HB 1178 and that I oppose the ban of aftermarket motor vehicle audio equipment. Restricting the wattage, size, and the amount of speakers allowed in a vehicle is going to cause a lot of issues for both the aftermarket audio industry and consumers who enjoy better audio-visual systems.

I do understand that there are noise complaints from excessive loud noise from vehicles caused from there stereo systems, but there are laws currently in place to address that problem. I don't see how having an aftermarket "six" speaker system could possibly be illegal when some vehicles come with ten speaker factory systems. I also don't see why you should restrict the size to a six and a half inch speaker. Most vehicles vary from 6x9" speakers to even factory 8" subwoofers. Certain factory systems are able to play at excessive loud levels, it basically depends on the driver and how he abuses the audio system. The entire industry shouldn't be destroyed because of that.

The people who drive older vehicles want to be able to keep up with technology by upgrading there systems too. Are we to tell a driver who owns a 1995 Toyota Corolla that he/she will not be able to install a hands-free device because the manufacture did not provide it. Neither may they listen to their I-pod because it was not available when they purchased the car. Anyone who has an older vehicle might as well go and buy a 2011 model and spend a ridiculous amount so that they can get the fully loaded package.

I am not against any vehicle manufacturer, but allowing factory systems to be legal and aftermarket ones to be illegal is absurd. A lot of consumers want to be able to enhance there driving experience by listening to quality and factory systems just aren't equipped with that.

I hope you will consider my objections to HB1178.

Sincerely,  
Tracie Lung

# LATE TESTIMONY

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose bill Hb 1178.

In reading the proposed legislation, I find that it blatantly discriminates against aftermarket equipment by stipulating restrictions to speaker size and power handling capacity of aftermarket components, but not factory installed components.

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

Sincerely,  
Tahnee Oakland



# LATE TESTIMONY

To whom it may concern:

Hi, I am a junior at Punahou School and am hoping to get into Mobile electronics, mechanical design, engineering and installation. Although I may not have much experience, I do however know that although the section states that the speaker cannot have more than 100 watts max output, depending on the type of enclosure, sound deadening, and volume of the area behind the speaker, the sound can easily be manipulated into sounding louder than it actually is rated at.

Secondly, restricting the size of speaker to 6.5 inches is not going to work because some cars come with speakers larger than 6.5 inches, such as the 5x7 inch, the 6x9 inch. Although it would come from the factory I would still say it would be hard to monitor because how can you tell if it is a 6.5inch speaker while trying to look through the speaker grille. Also if an officer were to check, it would mean the officer would have to be trained in removing panels and speaker grilles without breaking them, as some new car grilles are integrated into doors, and into the front and rear dash. Sometimes you not only have to remove the grille but to do that you need to take out the back seats of a car first because of bolted down parts, which would be ridiculous for someone who is untrained to try.

Thirdly it says that there shall be no mounting of speakers outside of the passenger compartment. This would outlaw the law enforcement sirens, P.A. systems, and the Kenwood head units that the city and state uses inside its cars and trucks.

Fourthly, How is this going to be enforced, will there be a decibel meter? Or an officer's judgment? Because decibel meters are only accurate up to some point if u take into consideration the noise of traffic and construction which could tamper with the device. If it is based on an officers judgment, the law would be too obscure because different people have different opinions of loud, My opinion of loud is totally different to what my parents or friends opinion of loud is.

Finally, this would put many people out of business because there are at least a dozen car audio shops that can do custom work and fabrication on this island not including places like Best Buy or Wal-Mart. I urge you to prevent this bill from passing. Make your decisions wisely.

Sincerely,  
Randal Chow