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**HCR 126/HR 91, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADOPT
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO REGULATE NOISE POLLUTION FROM
HOUSEHOLD OR RESIDENTIAL NOISE SOURCES**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department respectfully opposes this measure.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Implementation of this measure would require a substantial increase in manpower
3 and resources which are not included in the authorized budget.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The resolution proposes to regulate household and residential sources not
5 covered by Chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).
- 6 We generally favor a quieter environment and understand that household and residential noise
7 can be a nuisance and disturb comfortable enjoyment of life. The intent of HRS Chapter 342F was to
8 regulate noise from stationary equipment, construction, agricultural and industrial activities. However,
9 enforcement against household and residential sources has proven to be extremely difficult due to their
10 transient nature and that most complaints occur during nighttime hours. This measure makes every
11 residential unit in the state, a potential regulated noise source 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are
12 currently only 4 noise inspectors for the entire state.

1 Household and residential noise sources already fall under the jurisdiction of the county police
2 departments under HRS 711-1101, “Disorderly Conduct” and are capable of responding at all hours of
3 the day and night, 7 days a week.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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