
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES REGARDING NOISE LEVEL STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND
COMMERCIAL AREAS OF THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Health administers Chapter 342F,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to noise pollution in the
3 State; and
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5 WHEREAS, under section 342F-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 pollution means "excessive noise", and "excessive noise" is
7 defined as "the presence of sound as measured by standard
8 testing devices as established by the noise rules adopted by the
9 department of a volume or in quantities and for durations which
10 endangers human health, welfare or safety, animal life, or
11 property or which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable
12 enjoyment of life and property in the State or in such areas of
13 the State as are affected thereby"; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Health adopted Title 11, Chapter
16 46, entitled "Community Noise Control" in 1996; and
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18 WHEREAS, although empowered to do so, the Department of
19 Health has not adopted administrative rules to regulate noise
20 level standards in residential and commercial areas of the
21 State, except for certain limited cases; and
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23 WHEREAS, the lack of noise level standards for residential
24 and commercial areas adversely affect residents and visitors
25 throughout the State, and the Department of Health has the
26 authority and experience to control, mitigate, and prevent noise
27 pollution in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is requested to adopt by June 30, 2019, administrative rules establishing noise level standards for residential and commercial areas of the State, including the enforcement of these standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Health.

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