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Testimony for CPC on 3/29/2021 2:00:00 PM

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| Ralph Bishop | A Quieter O'ahu (501(c)3 - https://www.quieteroahu.com https://www.quieteroahu.com/our-noise-blog | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

Our website, Quieter O'ahu, has been online for approximately 12 years. Our mailing list has over 200 subscribers, households, and reaches more than twice that number. Our website and Blog registers hundreds of visitors per week. In the space of our years online we have seen residents of O'ahu, and across the State, submit hundreds of stories of how noise disrupts their quality of life, and how noise affects their health and well-being. And on a day-to-day basis. These submissions are publicly accessible at <https://www.quieteroahu.com/our-noise-blog>.

The loudest noise complaints are about the dangerously loud noise of illegally installed after-market exhaust systems on thousands of motorcycles across Hawai'i. Dangerous because the loudest of these systems can generate noise of 125 dB(a) and louder - any noise of 120 dB(a) or greater poses an immediate threat to hearing. These dangerously loud systems are installed despite ordinances and statutes to the contrary, and despite prohibition in the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) guide for motorcycles. It would seem from the clear lack of enforcement that neither the Police nor Inspectors have the desire or will to remove these systems from motorcycles.

Next in order of noise issues for residents would be "Boom Cars." Those vehicles equipped with illegally loud amplifiers and speakers that can be heard in excess of 1/4 mile away from the speaker source. Despite ordinances/statutes, HPD refuses to control the proliferation of these systems. No hyperbole - just check the enforcement numbers by citations issued. They're virtually non-existent.

So many other noises would follow: Illegally modified and dangerously loud exhaust systems on trucks and automobiles, gas-powered landscaping equipment, emergency vehicles, trucks, busses, back-up alarms, construction noise, roosters and other animal noises, low flying aircraft and helicopters, and so much more. And not only is it the noise generated by these sources, but the times of day as well. From early, early morning, to late, late in the evening.

When we think of Hawai'i we think of paradise. We think of quiet gently trade winds whispering through the palms. But no. Those day have gone. We have purposely let paradise slip from our grasp by allowing noise to consume our island paradise. Can we get that peacefulness back? It's up to you.

Is a study needed? Absolutely. We need to, we must, understand how bad the problem has become to create a legislative and enforcement roadmap to restore quiet to paradise.

It is not just residents. If you look at travel-blogs for Hawai'i so very, very many comment on the noise of motorcycles and automobiles in Waikiki. Many end their critique with "I won't ever go back" or words to that effect. The noise is undiable, that is is a quality of life and health problem is undeniable. Do the right thing. Approve this study and act upon its conclusions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

A Quieter O'ahu

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| Cathy Goeggel | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

This is so important for those of us who live in the core of the city. The noise is constant and negatively impacts our health and well being. Please pass this reso!

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| Brian Huffman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I live in Makiki. Our neighborhood is incredibly noisy. There are sirens, loud motorcycles, loud excessive cars on the freeway and up and down our streets at all hours. It wakes me up at times. The only thing is worse are the fireworks during the Fourth of July and New Year's. I strongly urge you to support this bill.

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| Perry Christensen | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I believe a study on noise is needed. I live next to a small neighborhood park owned by a local church. Starting at 7am a few times a week, the loud music starts as a group of 100 or so people gather to do aerobics. The boom of the bass carries throughout the neighborhood. It penetrates closed windows and walls and there is no relief.

When the aerobics people leave, others come and bring their portable boomboxes. Depending on the day, the neighbors next to this park are subjected to 6 to 8 hours of constant bass thumping. Even when the music is soft and the melody can't be heard, the bass notes can be heard or felt within the confines of one's home. Sometimes I feel like I'm going crazy because of it.

Please support a study so that this will help end all senseless noise.

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| Tommy Penrose | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I encourage the passing of this bill. I live on the corner of Ala Moana Blvd. and Ena Road and the amount of vehicle noise is unbelievable. Many cars, trucks, and motorcycles do not have legal mufflers and are loud. Emergency Vehicles come to this intersection with their sirens on Extra Loud and go very slow which causes the noise to stay in the area. I frequently become agitated because of the noise; my blood pressure rises; and I get into a really bad mood.

Most of this noise can be cured by having strict vehicle inspections.

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| Bob Kern | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support a study to determine cumulative health effects of noise in urban Honolulu.

Although studies are important to scientifically document the detrimental health effect of noise, one need only live in densely populated urban area such as Makiki or Manoa Makai when trash trucks make their pick ups at 6:00am. Citizens all know the effects of lack of sleep and trash pick up, necessary for the health of the community, is also detrimental to many who are wakened early by it crashing sounds of dumpsters being emptied and loud back up beepers. In some neighborhoods, noise of many kinds, leaf blowers, loud mufflers and boom radios and construction continue throughout the day and night.

Please ensure that this study is conducted so that when considering measures to limit noise, there will be a scientific justification to do so..

Respectfully,

Bob Kern