

**HCR-94**

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Comments:

To: The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair, The Honorable Adrian Tam, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing HCR94 and HR88 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE ISSUES AND BARRIERS TO ENFORCEMENT TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION FROM TWO STROKE ENGINES, MOPEDS, AND SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING CHANGES TO STATUTES, RULES, AND OTHER GUIDANCE NEEDED TO HELP REDUCE NOISE FROM THESE SOURCES.

Tuesday March 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m., CR 329 and by videoconference

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Tam, and Members of the House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness!

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i **strongly supports** HCR94 and HR88!

Noise pollution is a prevalent and increasing problem in the State. Exposure to excessively loud and unabated noises can result in physiological, psychological, and economic damage. There is a continuous and increasing bombardment of noise in the urban, suburban, and rural areas. **Excessively loud vehicles**, such as motor vehicles with after-market modifications to engine or exhaust systems, **and small off-road engines such as combustion leaf blowers and lawnmowers**, are a significant source of noise pollution in the State, impair the peace and tranquility that is part of the beauty of the Hawaiian islands, and constitute a public nuisance.

Citizens of Hawai'i are entitled to a healthy and peaceful environment. They have the right to be free from noise pollution that may be hazardous to their health or welfare. Efforts to protect this right have been codified under chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administrative rules. However, existing regulatory measures are not effectively enforced and do not adequately address noise pollution emitted by **excessively loud vehicles or small off-road engines**.

This concurrent resolution and resolution would ask the Department of Health to examine issues and barriers to enforcement of restrictions to reduce noise pollution from two stroke engines,

mopeds, and small off-road engines, and make recommendations to the Legislature to help reduce noise pollution from these sources, including the possibility of funding commercial rebates or similar incentive funding to support the transition to quieter operations by zero-emissions mopeds and small off-road equipment; and the Department of Health is requested to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023.

**Please pass this concurrent resolution and resolution to encourage the Department of Health to recommend ways to provide a more healthy and peaceful environment and protect the citizens of Hawai‘i from noise pollution that may be hazardous to their health or welfare.**

Mahalo!

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