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Testimony for HHH on 3/22/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jay Henderson	Citizens Against Noise	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Citizens Against Noise stands squarely behind [SB2124 SD2](#). We are a coalition of citizens on Oahu and Hawaii who are tired of excessive noise disturbing our peace at all times of day and night. There is currently next to no effort being made to bring excessive noise under control of low-frequency noise emitted bars and other places where liquor is consumed. We need a measurable level of noise that is the maximum permissible of decibels above which merits a noise violation enforced by summons or a citation issued by the police. Thank you. Jay Henderson, Citizens Against Noise

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	FREE ACCESS COALITION	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition understands the need for noise control as Hawaii's population density increases. We support SB2124 for that reason.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and please accept my FULL SUPPORT of SB2124 SD2.

Noise pollution is detrimental to health and well-being. There is absolutely no way to refute that. There are so many people in Hawaii who are forced to be a CAPTIVE AUDIENCE of those producing noise at extremely loud decibel levels and especially when it is for hours at a time without reprieve.

Soft music that can be heard only when walking by a business establishment's open doors is acceptable, but no business establishment should be allowed to BLAST it out onto the street where neighbors of all types (residential and other businesses) are forced to hear it.

The same goes for street performers, especially in Waikiki on Kalakaua Avenue, who, while having the right to perform on public sidewalks, should not be allowed to produce sounds so loud that they also create CAPTIVE AUDIENCES of visitors trying to rest in nearby hotels and of citizens trying to enjoy their residences in Waikiki's Apartment Precinct located as far away as **mauka of Kuhio!**

Heartfelt mahalo to Senator Moriwaki and all her colleagues who have introduced this desperately needed bill and who understand that noise pollution of all types and everywhere in Hawaii needs to be urgently controlled. Please pass this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:06:08 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I SUPPORT SB2124 SD 2. I believe that the current maximum allowable decibel level is 80, but that is truly still too loud for the health and well-being of urban residents who live next to businesses that blare music out of their doors and windows.

One argument that the earsplittingly loud street performers use to defend their highly amplified noise on public sidewalks is that the restaurants and businesses on Kalakaua are able to blast their music so they should as well. And the performers really amp up their sounds to compete with those establishments. Those two groups along with the piercing modified mufflers on motorcycles and vehicles make the area very unhealthy for human and animal ears and mental well-being.

It shouldn't just be for establishments that sell liquor because all types of businesses should not be creating unwanted noise pollution that creates captive audiences.

Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pam Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a resident of Waikiki since 1993, I want to express my strong support for SB2124 SD2 because I know firsthand how unnecessarily loud noise from establishments that have liquor licenses can affect neighboring residential condo and apartment buildings in Waikiki's Apartment Precinct. Sometimes they can be understanding and will lower their volume if asked, but it is rarely permanent or consistent.

Therefore this bill will benefit residents throughout the entire state who live near commercial zones and such businesses.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Pam Walker

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jason moore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge the HHH, CPC and the JHA to support this bill. It addresses the Low level sounds that are emitted by establishments at the late hours when we are trying to have a peaceful sleep. Having the ability to measure sounds not only from the location of the establishment but also at, or near, the reporting individual's location is a great idea. Low level sounds can reverberate between the buildings or landscape and be amplified to the point where it might be louder, or felt at a longer distance, than at the originating location. Just ask any dog owner on New Years eve.

I believe this is a good bill and should be passed to ensure a good "Quality Of Life".

Thank You,

Jason Moore - Ohua Avenue

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:29:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill. I live in the downtown neighborhood and would really appreciate having defined and enforceable noise limits for establishments, to help create a better living environment for all of us. In this modern age of acoustic tiles, sound-dampening devices, and other features that can help control sound, it's reasonable to expect bars and clubs to limit their noise intrusion on their neighborhoods.

Thank you for helping make Hawaii a more friendly and liveable place.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Sullivan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 21, 2022

Re: SB 2124 RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL

As a long time resident of Waikiki I enjoy being close to the beach, the parks, restaurants, etc.

However, since I do live here and work full time, I do need to rest and relax in my home to re-charge and enjoy quality time in my residence. My home is my haven, not a place I should have to leave to find peace and quite.

Loud noise coming from business establishments or events is distrurbung to residents and has even caused some of my neighbors, fellow tax-payers to move away.

Please pass SB 2124 to establish better noise control measures.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:48:33 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Owens	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

While on the surface this noise reduction bill may appear productive to some, I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons.

This bill, if passed, will lead to unneeded excessive police power and bar closures. Police already have a long list of tactics that they regularly use to intimidate and overuse their power, they do not need more ammunition.

Bars in Honolulu are a critical part of our very important tourist industry that, due to COVID19, is having a difficult time recovering. Residents like myself also enjoy the nightlife of Honolulu. It is a part of our culture and it causes the economy to thrive. A few disgruntled overly-complaining residents should not be ruining nightlife for the many. Giving the police unneeded power to revoke a bar's license will certainly result in closures which is not what we need right now.

Not all police will abuse the unneeded power, but it only takes one police officer to step over the line and cause major hardships for the owners and patrons of the nightlife here.

The bars are just fine. Ignore the few complaining people. Let life get back to normal.

I strongly oppose this bill.

Mahalo.

Jesse Owens

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:51:18 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jean Jeremiah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support SB 2124. First of all, these bars and night clubs should NOT be allowed in populated residential areas. These establishments are open until past midnight 7 days a week. The music and noise volume is totally loud and no one controls the noise. When their customers are watching a sports game or event, the ongoing cheering, shouting, howling, etc. **is ongoing day and night, weekdays and weekends.** Residents in the surrounding areas have to tune up their TV volumes just to compete with the noise volume from these bars, nightclubs and even restaurants that have installed tents, tables and chairs outside their establishments. Residents cannot even relax on weekends.

In addition to the high volume of music and noise, when these establishments close after midnight (some stay open until 1:00am), their customers hang around outside on the streets ... calling out to one another, talking and laughing loudly, honking their vehicles as they pass by each other, etc.

This distracted noise interferes with regular sleep hours of employees and students. Employees need to get up early and report to work the next day. Students come home to do their class homework and study. They also have to get up early the next day for school.

How can employees and students accomplish the above when you have these noise levels way out of control and no one monitors, no one enforces the law? These type of business should not be allowed in residential areas. Otherwise, have HPD patrol the areas, enforce the law and impose hefty fines; revoke their liquor license. Shut down the business for repeat offenders.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Galen Fox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of SB2124. I enjoy living in urban Honolulu, and bars and clubs are part of the scene. But when it gets too noisy, the sound should go down so that we can sleep. The problem is enforcement. This bill gives police the tools they need to enforce noise reduction. Please pass it.

Mahalo and aloha.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 4:05:02 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
irene kloepfer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is much needed, especially in areas where people live. And unfortunately in our society the only way things change is when the offenders have to pay money. We have too many laws with no teeth. With passage of this bill, it will be one less. Mahalo for putting residents 1st

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah Di Bella	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live at the top of Kalakaua Ave and the noise has gotten out of control. Constant unnecessarily LOUD "music" at all hours of the day and night from all kinds of vehicles, bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, pedestrians, etc. Cars/trucks/motorcycles without mufflers, LOUD backfires, roaring engines, etc. At 2 am for the past weekend very LOUD bass booming out of a vehicle waking me up each night. They try to make as much irritating noise as possible. There's also the loud horns which have been altered. One white truck has one that sounds like a freight train.

This does not include the legal noise of constant sirens even late at night or crashing of rubbish trucks/dumpsters way before 6 am. It doesn't seem like the police can or want to enforce it. It never used to be this bad 10 years ago when I first moved to this area.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark W. Travis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I and my family reside at the Cleghorn Condos (225 Kauliani Avenue) and as much as we love living here (it is perfect for us) the problems with excessive and unnecessary noise from the streets and the street performers is almost unbearable. I know this bill (2124) specifically states sound issues with performers in clubs and restaurants, and that is good. But what about the street performers? Do they have licenses to perform on the streets? Are you going to regulate their volume levels and amplification levels as well? They are a bigger problem in our neighborhood than the restaurants and clubs. And what about the boom boxes which people carry or sound blaring from cars? When are you going to deal with them? Not to mention the awful and totally unacceptable sound of unmuffled motorcycles?

SB2124 must pass, without hesitation, to protect those of us who live here and are forced to deal with unacceptable sound levels of music and performances.

Thank you for the work you are doing.

And I look forward to researching more State Bills dealing with all the sound and volume problems we have here in Waikiki.

All the best,

Mark W. Travis

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Bickel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Waikiki resident, I know some establishments blast music so loud it can be heard over a block away.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gordon B. Lindsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of SB2124 for varrious reasons

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gordon Wood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this need legislation!

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Testimony for HHH on 3/22/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vali Hawkins Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live and work from home since Covid 19, and own a business that manages the crisis and counseling needs of over 200 companies in the state,(www.eapacific.com Employee Assistance of the Pacific). The noise in Waikiki, although to be expected due to its nature, is more than often, and more than ever, beyond the decible levels tolerable. I often wear NRR 34 earplugs or noise cancelling airpods and still cannot carry on normal conversation. I have called the Liquor Control Board numerous times for hotel noises that are amplified on loud speakers at all times of day and night. The level of illegal mufflers that race down Kapahulu Avenue are another story altogether. Include the megaphones from protestors at 6am! The random party in the Zoo parking lot has generated many a 911 call. Again, noises beyond the normal occassional episodic..This residents' life and work could be significantly enhanced by supporting any reasonable method that will help our community restore a modicome of noise management, that beyond the natural hustle and bustle of our valued tourism trade. I directly serve the mental health care of thousands of state residents, helping them keep their jobs, our economy...and I can't do that adequately if I am fending off egregious noise. Thank you for anything that will keep our area safe and sane, especially during these increasing challenging times. Dr. Vali Hawkins Mitchell, PhD, LMHC, REAT, CEAP

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Yacubovich	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Governor Ige, Senator Moriwaki, Chang, Lee, Misalucha, Rhoads, Riviere, Baker, Dela Cruz, Ihara & Wakai, Representative Tam, Mayor Blangiardi, City Council Chair Waters, Rick Egged (Waikiki Improvement Association) and Bob Finley (Waikiki Neighborhood Board),

I choose to live in Waikiki at the Governor Cleghorn located on Ka'iulani Ave between Kuhio Ave and Cleghorn Street with my wife and 10 year old son because I wanted to be in an area that is near the beach, close to restaurants & shopping, near my son's school (Jefferson Elementary) and within walking distance to public transportation.

The downside of living in this area has been the increasing noise level (over & above the normal background city noise) that my family & I have been experiencing more & more frequently.

Nearly every evening my family's sleep & quiet enjoyment is disturbed by the low-frequency noise coming from nearby nightclubs & bars that have cabaret licenses.

I am respectfully requesting that SB 2124 be enacted to address the low-frequency noise issue from these nightclubs & bars by setting a maximum permissible noise level in dBC measurements as well as allowing the liquor commission to adopt rules to issue fines for noise violation & to revoke or suspend a liquor license; deny the application, renewal, or transfer of a license; or withhold issuance of a license when the licensee or applicant fails to take corrective action to address noise complaints or violations. This will allow for a balance to be maintained between the performers rights to their freedom of expression & the rights of the residents of Waikiki to quiet enjoyment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Yacubovich