

**SB-346**

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Testimony for TCA on 1/31/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Curtis Miller	Testifying for Liliuokalani Gardens AOA	Support	In Person

Comments:

Resolution for Reducing Siren Noise in Waikiki

Whereas sirens do NOT significantly increase the timely delivery of patients to hospitals; (1)

Whereas sirens do NOT significantly increase the timely arrival of fire personnel to accident sites; (1)

Whereas civilian safety is NOT enhanced by siren use; (2)

Whereas ambulance use of sirens is associated with increased risk of ambulance crashes. (3,5)

Whereas many motorists cannot hear sirens due to driving habits; (4)

Whereas limiting use of sirens will DECREASE risk of injury and death; (6)

Whereas siren use has LITTLE bearing on patient outcomes; (2)(7)

Whereas traffic in Waikiki is significantly reduced between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am;

Whereas fire and EMT sirens are a daily occurrence that create significant disturbances;

Whereas such disturbances greatly affect the peace and sleep patterns of residents in Waikiki;

Resolved, that the Waikiki Community Council urges the Honolulu Fire Department to eliminate

the deployment of sirens between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am.

Further, the Waikiki Community Council urges the Honolulu Fire Department to re-examine its coding policy in order to reduce the number of code three extreme emergency dispatches during all hours, day and night.

(1) Clawson, International Academies of Emergency Dispatch <https://bdnews24.com/health/sirens-loud-ineffective-and-risky-experts-say>

(2) Kupas, etal, National Association of State EMS Directors [https://naemsp.org/NAEMSP/media/NAEMSP-Documents/Annual%20Meeting/2021%20MDC%20Handouts/Joint-Statement-on-Red-Light-and-Siren-Operations-with-Logos-FINAL-\(003\).pdf](https://naemsp.org/NAEMSP/media/NAEMSP-Documents/Annual%20Meeting/2021%20MDC%20Handouts/Joint-Statement-on-Red-Light-and-Siren-Operations-with-Logos-FINAL-(003).pdf)

(3) Watanabe, etal, Annals of Emergency Medicine <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30648537/>

(4) Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivHTkZa7z0E>(5) Saunders, Prehosp Disaster Medicine <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/prehospital-and-disaster-medicine/article/abs/ambulance-collisions-in-an-urban-environment/F66595C98F8D38E43FD08A54530E12EC>

(6) Marques-Baptista, Prehosp Emergency Care,  
2016 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20845321/>

(7) American College of Emergency Physicians <https://www.acepnow.com/article/ambulance-lights-and-sirens-should-only-be-used-when-the-benefit-outweighs-the-risks/?singlepage=1&theme=print-frien>

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Submitted on: 1/29/2023 1:14:16 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye and Committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of SB346.

As a Waikiki resident who lives close to Ala Wai Blvd and who has friends who live in a building on Ala Wai Blvd, I can confirm from personal experience that the ear-splitting sirens that force us to stop talking until they pass, and force us to wake up in the middle of the night, are not needed each and every time an emergency vehicle is deployed.

This should definitely be up to the discretion of the driver based on the amount of traffic at the time and the time of day and night.

Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Denise

Denise Boisvert

Waikiki

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I FULLY SUPPORT SB346.

Most major European cities are more populated than Honolulu, and yet their emergency service vehicle sirens are not as loud or shrill or annoying, or cause as much noise pollution as those in Hawaii. And they are still able to safely go to their destinations.

There is no need for Hawaii's emergency vehicles to have their sirens on full blast at all hours of the day and night.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this bill and how it will help all residents.

Sincerely,

Kim Jorgensen

Waikiki

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 3:10:11 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
michael foo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill, as a 10 year tenant of Nuuanu Downtown. Many a night I am awoken by delivery trucks, garbage trucks starting as early as 3am.

I am a medical professional, and have considered leaving the islands, to find an affordable, resonably noise free area

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