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At the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board the board supported the concept of Senate Bill 587

A standard concern at meetings of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board is noise from Loud Mufflers (or lack of mufflers) on vehicles "racing" along Ala Wai Blvd. both day and night.

While this complaint is normally directed at a group that gathers in the Zoo area then "races" off along Ala Wai Blvd. It is not limited to this group.

My concerns is that this bill is dependent on the City and County of Honolulu to enact an Ordinance about how loud a vehicle can be. Current Safety Check Rules (State) only require a vehicle have a muffler and pipe system that do not leak. The idea of having to only have a factory equipped muffler are more than difficult to enforce when factories normally do not manufacture replacement parts like a muffler for more than a few years and companies like "Midas Muffler" sell a variety of replacement mufflers when older vehicles require a replacement. Even getting information on how loud a vehicle was when sold is difficult to impossible (how loud was a motorcycle first sold in 1901?).

Setting a fine for violation is necessary.

To be effective this bill would have to designate what "loud muffler" means to everyone. To enforce this Bill the County Police and State Sheriffs and probably Department of Land and Natural Resources would need a standard and the decibel meters to measure the noise at a specific distance.

As residents of Waikiki this bill is welcomed and very necessary but enforcement may prove to be difficult unless a specific noise level is designated.

Mahalo for your concern,

Robert Finley

Robert Finley
Chair

SB-587-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 2:34:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2023 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2023 5:50:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of SD1. Please...

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Submitted on: 2/22/2023 10:15:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Streitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a means to better enforce existing laws, which shouldn't be broken. As a member of the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group, comprised of members across Oahu, we worked to get safety inspections to test for excessive moped muffler noise because it had become a major problem in our neighborhoods.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2023 3:03:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Limiting motorcycle and moped muffler/exhaust systems will make it more dangerous by making them less noticeable to drivers.

Electric cars have zero noise and are by far the most dangerous in parking lots.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2023 3:04:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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