
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is a
2 public health hazard that continues to affect Hawaii residents.
3 The most common health problems caused by noise pollution are
4 noise-induced hearing loss, high blood pressure, heart disease,
5 sleep disturbances, and stress.

6 The legislature further finds that the community noise code
7 adopted by the department of health as title II Hawaii
8 Administrative Rules chapter 46, is more than twenty-six years
9 old and may not adequately reflect the higher levels of noise
10 pollution as residential and urban zoning districts have
11 changed.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
13 health to update the state community noise code to address noise
14 concerns that were not included in the adoption of rules in
15 1996.

16 SECTION 2. Section 342F-30.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:



1 "~~§342F-30.5~~ **Noise control.** (a) By June 30, 1996,
2 the department shall adopt a state community noise code pursuant
3 to chapter 91, which recognizes differences in noise level
4 standards in urban and non-urban areas of the State and noise
5 level standards of each county.

6 (b) By June 30, 2026, the department shall adopt rules
7 pursuant to chapter 91 for:

- 8 (1) Amplified sound on public and private property where
9 the decibel weighted levels exceed current standards
10 for zoning districts; and
11 (2) Residential properties where excessive noise exceeds
12 noise level standards for a specific period of time
13 between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

14 (c) In the event of any conflict between this section and
15 section 46-17, section 46-17 shall govern."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

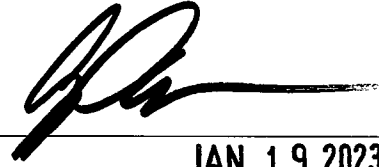
18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 323

Report Title:

DOH; Noise Control; Amplified Sound; Excessive Noise

Description:

Requires the department of health to adopt rules by 6/30/2026 for amplified sound on public and private property where decibel weighted levels exceed current standards for zoning districts and residential properties where noise is excessive during certain times.

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