

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: S.B. No. 586
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 586, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Condition the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle not being equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (2) Require rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (3) Suspend, revoke, or refuse renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent wilful violation of any rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (4) Make violating the noisy muffler and exhaust system laws a petty misdemeanor; and

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- (5) Include repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Canterbury Place Association of Apartment Owners and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the aftermarket for noisy mufflers and exhaust systems causes unnecessary disturbance to the public. This measure proposes a multi-prong enforcement approach to address excessive noise emitted by aftermarket mufflers and exhaust systems.

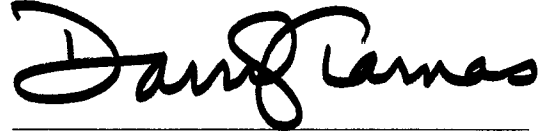
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have made violating the noisy muffler and exhaust system laws a petty misdemeanor and instead increasing the maximum fine to \$500;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 586, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 586, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



