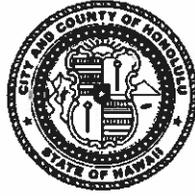


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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
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Committee on Transportation
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House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No 1094, Relating to Vehicles

I am Warren Izumigawa, Departmental Radio Communications Coordinator of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 1094, Relating to Vehicles, as written. This bill requires that all new motor vehicles that are permitted by law to be equipped with a siren, whether purchased or contracted, shall be equipped with a dual frequency siren. A "dual frequency siren" refers to a pneumatic, two-tone siren with two sets of air horns: one producing a high pitch and the other a low pitch or similar technology.

The HPD uses electronic siren technology that meets the national public safety standards. This technology (with multi-tones that emit, wail, yelp, and Howler low frequency tones) makes the siren equipment very effective for emergency response vehicles. These tones are designed to sweep through a broad range of audible frequencies and varied cycle rates. They are set at a standard volume level that is designed to penetrate vehicles from a far distance, while still being within the hearing range of humans. Many public safety agencies across the United States use this same siren equipment, which has proven to be very effective.

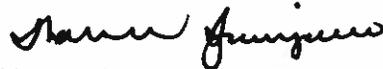
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First responder agencies already utilize siren equipment that is deemed very effective and which are only accessible to authorized personnel. Changing, replacing, or adding a two-tone air horn or similar device would be too expensive. Introducing different air horn tones can cause more confusion and can be easily copied by the general public as two-tone air horns are available for anyone to purchase. These vehicle air horns are not limited to emergency responders. This raises the possibility of someone pretending to be a first responder or an emergency vehicle. Such actions pose a risk to public safety.

The HPD urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 1094, Relating to Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Comments:

Aloha,

I live in Pearl City and our neighborhood board has heard many of us about noise in our area. Mr. Veray has taken a stand against excessive helicopter noise, amplified exhausts, and sirens. I think most people know dual frequency sirens like those in other cities are just as loud for cars around them to hear, but much quieter for people living in the area. This is the right thing to do to keep our peace and quiet in such a loud part of Honolulu. I hope you pass this law and start to catch Honolulu up to other major cities and modernize our sirens so they don't keep us up at night.