



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Vice Chair

**H.C.R. NO. 4, REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH
THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
AT MANOA, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE CUMULATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS
OF PERSISTENT URBAN NOISE IN HONOLULU**

**H.R. NO. 6, REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT
MANOA, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE CUMULATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS OF
PERSISTENT URBAN NOISE IN HONOLULU**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor takes **no position** on H.C.R. No. 4 and H.R. No. 6 and offers the following comments.

The resolutions request the Auditor, in consultation with the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, to conduct a study on the cumulative health effects of persistent urban noise in Honolulu, including the extent of urban noise, its effect on residents' quality of life, and possible solutions used by other urban environments that may also be effective in Honolulu.

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Our sister-agency, the Legislative Reference Bureau, among other things, conducts studies and impartial policy and legal research upon request by the Legislature. We respectfully suggest the study requested is better addressed by that agency.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 4 and H.R. No. 6.