
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A LEGISLATIVE NOISE POLLUTION TASK FORCE TO REVIEW
BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER STATES IN REDUCING URBAN NOISE
POLLUTION.

1 WHEREAS, the traditional definition of noise is "unwanted
2 or disturbing sound", which becomes unwanted when it either
3 interferes with normal activities such as sleeping,
4 conversation, or disrupts or diminishes one's quality of life;
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7 WHEREAS, the fact that you cannot see, taste, or smell
8 noise may help explain why it has not received as much attention
9 as other types of pollution, such as air pollution, or water
10 pollution; and

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12 WHEREAS, noise pollution can have major consequences,
13 primarily to a person's overall health; and

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15 WHEREAS, studies have shown that there are direct links
16 between noise and health problems related to noise, including
17 stress-related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech
18 interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost
19 productivity; and

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21 WHEREAS, noise-induced hearing loss is the most common and
22 often discussed health effect, but research has shown that
23 exposure to constant or high levels of noise can cause countless
24 adverse health effects; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Health is
29 requested to convene a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force to
30 review best practices from other states in reducing noise
31 pollution; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
2 consist of:

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- 4 (1) One member from the Department of Health, Indoor and
5 Radiological Health Branch;
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 - 7 (2) One member from the Honolulu Police Department;
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 - 9 (3) One member from the Honolulu Liquor Commission;
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 - 11 (4) One member from the Public Utilities Commission;
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 - 13 (5) One member from each of the following Oahu
14 neighborhood boards:
 - 15 (A) McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8;
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 - 17 (B) Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9;
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 - 19 (C) Makiki/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10;
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 - 21 (D) Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11;
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 - 23 (E) Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12;
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 - 25 (F) Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13;
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 - 27 (G) Liliha/Kapalama Neighborhood Board No. 14; and
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 - 29 (H) Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15; and
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 - 32 (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high
33 levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed
34 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
35 House of Representatives; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
38 focus on but not be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle,
39 motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and
40 stereo or other audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
43 Bureau shall assist the Task Force with drafting legislation, if
44 any, which the Task Force deems necessary, as a result of its



1 findings and recommendations regarding the best practices in
2 reducing noise pollution to address excessive and disturbing
3 noise levels; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
6 report its findings on best practices from other states in
7 reducing noise pollution and its findings and recommendations to
8 address excessive and disturbing noise levels to the Legislature
9 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
10 Session of 2012; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
14 the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, the Senate
15 President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
16 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chief of the
17 Honolulu Police Department, the Chairperson of the Honolulu
18 Liquor Commission, the Chairperson of the McCully-Moiliili
19 Neighborhood Board No. 8, the Chairperson of the Waikiki
20 Neighborhood Board No. 9, the Chairperson of the Makiki/Tantalus
21 Neighborhood Board No. 10, the Chairperson of the Ala
22 Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11, the Chairperson of the
23 Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, the Chairperson of
24 the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13, the Chairperson of the
25 Liliha/Kapalama Neighborhood Board No. 14, and the Chairperson
26 of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15.

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