
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STUDY AND ADOPTION OF A 95-DECIBEL LIMIT TO
MEASURE MUFFLER AND VEHICULAR NOISE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a growing number of automobiles and other
2 vehicles traveling in urban neighborhoods and our roads; and
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4 WHEREAS, while many of these vehicles operate efficiently,
5 some contribute to noise pollution with noisy mufflers and other
6 vehicular noise; and
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8 WHEREAS, in trying to address the many complaints from
9 urban Honolulu residents about noisy mufflers, the State faces
10 challenges in establishing rules to measure muffler noise, and
11 regulating noisy vehicle mufflers; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) currently
14 does not have rules to measure muffler noise; and
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16 WHEREAS, in preparation of adopting noise regulations for
17 vehicles, DOT can study California's decibel standard from the
18 Society of Automotive Engineers International, which is a global
19 association of more than 128,000 engineers and related technical
20 experts in such fields as automotive and commercial-vehicle
21 industries; and
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23 WHEREAS, California has adopted the Society of Automotive
24 Engineers standard of a 95-decibel limit, which is a loudness
25 comparable to a subway train from 200 feet away; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that DOT is requested to study



1 and adopt the Society of Automotive Engineers standard of a 95-
2 decibel limit to measure muffler and other vehicular noise; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT report to the Legislature
5 its findings and recommendations and progress in adopting noise
6 regulations for vehicles no later than 20 days prior to the
7 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
11 Transportation, the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police
12 Department, and the President of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers
13 Association.
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