

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2437

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2630

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2630 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the county liquor commissions to substitute the dBC weighting system for the current dBA weighting system for the purpose of administering community noise control.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Liquor Control of Kauai County, Honolulu Liquor Commission, and Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13.

Your Committee finds that the method used by the Department of Health to measure noise is the dBA weighting system. The dBA system measures sound in decibels using the "A weighted" measurement, dBA, such that sound levels measured in dBA correspond to what the human ear hears. An alternative dBC weighting system also measures sound levels but additionally measures lower frequencies that cause physical objects such as windows and walls to vibrate. Because these lower frequency sound waves are not perceived by the human ear and are not measured by the dBA weighting system, even though they are physically felt through strong vibrations, the sound levels generated do not constitute a violation of the existing community noise control law.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2630 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Government Operations, and  
Military Affairs,




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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and**  
**Military Affairs**  
**PGM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2620</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PGM</b>	Date: <b>2-21-12</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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