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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1634  
RELATING TO NOISE LEVEL STANDARDS**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: January 24, 2018                      Room Number: 329  
Time: 10:00 AM

- 1    **Fiscal Implications:** None.
  
- 2    **Department Testimony:** This measure requires the director to establish by rule noise level  
3    standards for residential and commercial areas of the State, including the application of these  
4    standards.
  
- 5    There are already noise level standards in place for the State contained in Hawaii Revised  
6    Statutes (HRS), Chapter 342F and Title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Department of  
7    Health, Chapter 46, "Community Noise Control." The intent of HRS Chapter 342F and HAR  
8    11-46 was to regulate noise emanating from stationary equipment, and equipment related to  
9    agricultural, construction, and industrial activities. These types of sources are either fairly  
10    constant in nature, stationary or restricted to a certain location, and can be enforced more easily.  
11    Classification of zoning districts and maximum permissible sound levels in dBA for these  
12    regulated activities are specified in HAR 11-46-3 and 11-46-4.
  
- 13    Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 1/22/2018 11:47:04 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Murphy	citizen	Support	No

## Comments:

I moved to Honolulu in 2015. Previously I had lived in Hilo and Kaneohe. I was shocked at the noise levels in Honolulu. Garbage trucks with their back up beepers early in the morning and on weekends. Loud trucks and motorcycles. Construction companies starting loud work at 6:30 am. ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. I am retiring to the mainland..... where peace and quiet appear to be more valued. Please do something to reduce noise for the residents of Hawaii.

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Testimony for HHS on 1/24/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Foster		Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo,

Scott Foster, Chair

The Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i

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Testimony for HHS on 1/24/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bob Kern		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

I whole heartedly support HB 1634 that requires noise level standards - especially for residential areas - to be established that will protect the health and well being of citizens who are increasingly exposed to noise. In my neighborhood, Lower Manoa, noise is becoming more pervasive. No longer are even Sunday mornings quiet.

Respectfully,

Bob Kern

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