

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1216  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Condition the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle or moped not being equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (2) Require rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a vehicle or moped is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (3) Suspend, revoke, or refuse renewal of a permit for an official inspection station for repeatedly violating any



rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system within a certain period;

- (4) Clarify the types of mufflers that are prohibited, except for certain motorcycles and mopeds;
- (5) Increase the maximum fine for motor vehicle owners that violate noisy muffler laws; and
- (6) Include repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair laws.

Your Committee on Conference finds that excessive noise pollution, particularly from loud mufflers on motor vehicles, impacts many communities throughout the State. Your Committee on Conference further finds that strengthening inspection requirements and enforcement measures will enhance public health, safety, and quality of life for all residents in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have exempted motorcycles and mopeds from motor vehicle muffler modification regulations if the motorcycle or moped did not exceed United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DARIUS KILA  
Co-Chair



DAVID A. TARNAS  
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



CHRIS LEE  
Chair





KARL RHOADS  
Co-Chair



# Hawai'i State Legislature

## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

CCR 95

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 1216, SD 1, HD 2</b>					Date/Time: 4/23/25 11:06 AM				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
LEE, Chris, Chr.	✓				KILA, Darius K., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓	GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
					MURAOKA, Christopher L.				✓
TOTAL	2			1	TOTAL	3			1
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is:					House Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
									
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