

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1719

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 18**, 2025

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

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Condition the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle not being equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (2) Require rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (3) Suspend, revoke, or refuse renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent willful violation of any rule within a certain period of time regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (4) Amend the maximum fine for certain violations of noisy muffler laws; and



- (5) Include repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Waikiki Neighborhood Board; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Moped Doctors; Motorcycle Industry Council; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that excessive vehicle noise caused by modified mufflers and exhaust systems continues to disrupt communities and pose public safety concerns. Strengthening inspection requirements and enforcement measures will ensure compliance with existing noise regulations and improve quality of life for residents. This measure enhances vehicle inspection protocols, increases penalties for violations, and holds repair shops accountable for installing non-compliant exhaust systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing all fines relating to motor vehicle muffler violations by \$50;
- (2) Exempting motorcycles and mopeds that do not exceed United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations under title 40, Code of Federal Regulations section 205.152;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,



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DARIUS KILA, Chair



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