

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 1216 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 wilful violation of any rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (4) Increase the maximum fine for motorcycle and moped owners that violate 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 three individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Style Rentals and Sales.

Your Committee finds that many residents throughout the State have complained of the growing noise pollution and disturbances from loud mufflers on motor vehicles, which are often outfitted with aftermarket parts to exceed factory settings. To protect public health and safety, while improving the quality of life for all residents, this measure enhances existing muffler laws by increasing minimum and maximum fines for violations and increases enforcement efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing every fine to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓		✓	
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha			✓	
TOTAL	3		2	

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Lorraine R. Inouye

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