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January 30, 2025
3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 224

S.B. 367
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **has comments on S.B. 367**, which prohibits the issuance of a certificate of inspection for a moped or motor vehicle that has been altered, installed, or otherwise modified in any way which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by the motor vehicle or moped above that emitted by the motor vehicle or moped as equipped from the factory.

While the DOT supports any attempts to reduce the exhaust noise problem, we do want to note that the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 19-133 entitled "Periodic Inspection of Vehicles" already prohibit this.

The (Periodic Safety Inspection of Vehicles including Motorcycles) HAR Chapter 19-133.2-36 Inspection of exhaust system: (b) No certificate of inspection shall be issued if the exhaust system components are leaking, not securely fastened, required component parts are missing, equipped with exhaust cut-out or by-pass or similar devices, the muffler emits excessive noise, or exhaust gas is not exiting beyond the passenger compartment, unless such exit was designed by the original motor vehicle manufacturer.

The (Periodic Safety Inspection of Mopeds) HAR Chapter 19-135-28 Scope of inspection, the inspection shall be conducted using the following failure criteria. A moped shall fail the inspection if: (6) On combustion engines, the exhaust system is modified to increase speed or noise, a required component is missing or damaged so function is compromised, loosely mounted, leaking, or gases are not emitted behind the rider. A sound level test shall be used to provide objective evidence of excessive noise. The decibel reading shall be made with the moped outdoors. Determine half throttle with the engine off. With the throttle in the fully closed position, gently turn the throttle grip until the play in the cable ends. At that point, place a mark on the movable portion of the throttle grip and on an adjacent non-movable part. Fully open the throttle and place a mark on the non-movable part that aligns with the mark on the grip. Place a mark on the mid-point of the distance between marks on the non-movable part. This middle mark represents half throttle. The sound meter is to be held above the

examiner's head while standing where the throttle can be moved. Take two decibel measurements by gradually (about two seconds) accelerating the engine to 1/2 throttle, hold it there a second and close it. Record the reading and repeat the process. If either of the two tests shows a decibel reading higher than 100, the muffler shall be failed. No exhaust system shall be modified to amplify or increase the noise emitted by the engine above that emitted by the system originally installed on the moped.

Additionally, some owners remove their non-compliant mufflers for the inspection and replace it after receiving their safety check.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



January 28, 2025

The Honorable Chris Lee
Chair, Senate Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 367 – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Chair Lee:

Hundreds of companies represented by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC)¹ oppose unless amended SB 367, which prohibits the issuance of a certificate of inspection if the vehicle or moped is found to have a muffler that has been altered, installed, or otherwise modified in any way which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by the motor vehicle or moped above that emitted by the motor vehicle or moped as equipped from the factor. **We respectfully request that SB 367 be amended to specify that any original equipment manufacturer or aftermarket exhaust system that is compliant with US EPA regulations is legal.**

SB 367 does not consider or provide for the installation and use of original equipment or aftermarket replacement exhaust system component parts and mufflers that are certified by the manufacturer to be legal and compliant with Federal EPA noise regulations governing motorcycle exhaust systems. There should be no prohibition against the modification, including the installation of replacement parts, as long as the modification does not result in noise levels that exceed federal sound limits.

We urge SB 367 be amended as follows:

(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to be issued for a vehicle or moped, an inspection as prescribed by the director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the vehicle or moped, and if the vehicle or moped is found to be in a safe operating condition, including adhering to head lamp requirements and specifications pursuant to section 291-25(a), as applicable, a certificate of inspection shall be issued upon payment of a fee to be determined by the director; provided that no certificate of inspection shall be issued if the vehicle or moped is found to have a muffler that has been altered, installed, or otherwise modified in any way which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by the motor vehicle or moped above that emitted by the motor vehicle or moped as equipped from the factory; except for motorcycles and mopeds that do not exceed U.S. EPA regulations, as specified in 40 CFR § 205.152.

¹ The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is a not-for-profit, national trade association representing several hundred manufacturers, distributors, dealers and retailers of motorcycles, scooters, motorcycle parts, accessories and related goods, and allied trades.

For these reasons, we oppose SB 367 unless amended. Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sschloegel@mic.org or 703-416-0444 x 3202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott P. Schloegel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott P. Schloegel
Senior Vice President, Government Relations

cc: Senate Transportation and Culture and the Arts Committee Members

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 5:55:48 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jay Henderson | Testifying for Citizens Against Noise | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

SB367 is an excellent solution to a persistent problem in Hawaii. Too many scofflaws alter their mufflers so they make more loud noise. This will would make it impossible for a motorcycle or moped to get a license if they change their muffler so it noticeably increases the level of noise emitted when the vehicle left the factor floor. Having a bit of noise is the price we pay for civilization. But excess noise is unnecessary and costly in terms of the way excess noise from motorcycles disturbs the peace of our island paradise. You cannot buy a can of silence. But you can sure fill up an auditorium with noise. Our organization, Citizens Against Noise, has worked hard over the last five years to get a bill like this introduced. It has lots of support in the community and deserves support in the Legislature.

Mahalo. Jay Henderson, Citizens Against Noise

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Submitted on: 1/30/2025 12:04:50 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Karen Hunter | Testifying for Tradewinds President, Tradewinds Hotel, Inc. | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The Tradewinds is located at Ala Moana Blvd. and Hobron Lane. We have been asking for some noise relief for 3 years now. Senator Moriwaki has prior correspondence from our Board of Directors and they **support SB 367** to stop the drag racing activities (cars and motorcycles) to the canal and loud scooters that we experience every day.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 4:35:37 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Don Baluran | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As a condo resident along the busy Kapiolani Blvd corridor, we deal with excessive noise from noisy mufflers constantly throughout the day and night which affects our quality of life.

I support this bill; however, I'm not sure how effective it would be against those that do not follow the law in getting a certificate of inspection. Also, one can later modify their muffler after inspection.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:52:50 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Manabo Sato | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Honorable committee members

Aloha, My name is Manabo Sato and I am Vice president/co founder of Moped Doctors Inc. A local moped sales/service shop since 2010. I am also the chief safety inspector for DMV Safety inspection station 1926 which exclusively does mopeds. Moped Doctors opposes SB 367

We at Moped Doctors helped implement the sound standard for the moped safety inspection program working with DMV. We helped lead a crackdown which successfully reduced the number of loud and noisy modified "outlaw" mopeds since 2016. We were however surprised to find the car and motorcycle safety inspection counterparts of ours in this state not do sound checks.

Frankly , having to do sound checks required a lot of expense , time and effort to do to help regulate the mopeds out there. We believe that with the increased number of electric cars ,motorcycles and mopeds out there which are basically silent have reduced the need for car and motorcycle safety inspectors to have to take on the additional burden of buying extra equipment and undergoing additional time consuming training in addition to their already complex safety routines .

If proper enforcement of existing noise ordinances are followed through on by local law enforcement and fines, etc written out for disturbing the peace etc, that should address the noise issue of the few modified cars and motorcycles with such "enhancements" (illegal ones at that).

Times are tough and it is hard enough for mechanic shops, whether cars or motorcycles or mopeds to get by. The last thing the much larger car /motorcycle safety inspectors need is more burden on top of their already complex and difficult jobs.

Drop SB 367

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:56:50 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| John Deutzman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

As a Waikiki resident who lives next to Kapahulu/Kalakaua and Kuhio our weekend sleep is constantly interrupted by obnoxiously loud mufflers on all types of vehicles. Some of the mufflers are modified to sound like gun fire.

This bill is a good attempt at stopping the madness at the source.

John Deutzman

Waikiki Resident

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:31:14 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Bonnie Fraser | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please protect our ears and pass this bill requiring mufflers to be quiet.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:48:11 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Stephen T Hazam | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please SUPPORT SB367.

Noisy mufflers are much more than a nuisance. It is also a matter of Public Health and Safety. Thier noise disrupts the sleep of nearby residents and their startling sound causes unsafe distractions. By enlisting the help of inspection stations, we can prevent these vehicles from legally using our roadways.

Please SUPPORT SB367

Respectfully,

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:43:27 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tim Huycke | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support SB367.

January 27, 2025

Aloha Committee Members,

Mahalo for introducing this much needed bill as a first step towards curbing unnecessary noise pollution in the State of Hawaii, which I fully support. Vehicle, motorcycle, and moped noises without mufflers (or with modified mufflers) that create excessive noise is disruptive to residents; quality of life in all neighborhoods. Three out of the five times, I've moved from a residence due to the noise pollution from engine revving and loud music coming from vehicles/motorcycles/mopeds in front of my home, which frequently caused sleep disruptions and increased day and nighttime anxiety. I've resided in Makiki (2x locations), Kaneohe, St. Louis Heights, and Salt Lake within a span of ~10 years and observed that the lower/middle income neighborhoods tend to have the worst noise pollution from vehicles/motorcycles/mopeds; though higher income neighborhoods aren't totally immune either.

Especially on Kalakaua near Diamondhead Lighthouse cliffs, when loud trucks/cars/Harley Davidsons drive by, on two occasions I've felt the uncomfortable vibrations in my chest/lung cavities when walking on the sidewalk: once due to a Harley Davidson slowly driving by (probably enjoying the scenery), and another time due to a truck's intense subwoofer base. While high-pitched moped sounds are piercing, at least I can somewhat drown out the noise by covering my ears. For my lung cavities, there's nothing I can do besides avoid the area.

Lastly, while I understand this may not be the forum to curb excessively loud music/subwoofers played by vehicles/motorcycles, I hope something can be done about this in the future, in addition to creating and implementing a tiered noise pollution penalty where repeat offenders receive increasing monetary or corrective action penalties to set an enforceable noise standard in the State.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Julie Kuo

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:57:44 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Bernard Nunies | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB367 which prohibits inspection stations from certifying vehicles with noisy mufflers. Noisy mufflers has been an on-going issues for years and I am happy that there is finally a bill to address this nuisance.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:29:36 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| J Park | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I fully support the passing of bill SB367. Mufflers are meant to dampen the exhaust sound from cars and mopeds. The noisy mufflers do the very opposite and it becomes excessively loud and causes stress whenever they drive by. Especially late at night when sleeping, the loud noise awakens me. Noise pollution is a real health threat to us all. Please pass this bill for the health and welfare of the majority of us.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:11:24 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ben Robinson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha!

Mahalo for considering this bill!

Unfortunately, the need for this bill provides evidence that the issue of modified mufflers substantially contributing to noise pollution is out of hand and that you cannot rely on individuals to regulate themselves regarding this issue.

Individuals with transportation that utilize these modifications disrupt entire neighborhoods at all times of the day, affecting the health of those in the vicinity of them including interrupted sleep, anxiety, and irritability. Dense urban areas experience an amplified effect. Repeated exposure to this level and type of sound can contribute to hearing issues.

On the road, noisy mufflers distract and annoy other drivers, with the possibility of invoking hostility and road rage.

I urge you to support this measure for the better of our communities as part of a range of tools to address excessive noise pollution.

Mahalo,

Ben Robinson

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:34:03 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kathryn Braun | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of the bill to prohibit the issuance of a certificate of inspection for a moped or motor vehicle that has been altered, installed, or otherwise modified in any way which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by the motor vehicle or moped.

I live in Honolulu, but everywhere I go I hear mopeds and cars with altered mufflers making horrible, loud, grumbling and growling noises. The worst is the racing of bunches of these loud vehicles at night along H1 and city and neighborhood streets.

There is no need to increase the noise level of our streets and neighborhoods. Exposure to excessive noise for the drivers can lead to hearing loss. For the rest of us, excessive noise creates physical and psychological stress, interferes with sleep and concentration, and reduces productivity.

I strongly urge you to take this opportunity to reduce the noise in our communities. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Kathryn L Braun.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:37:43 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Denise Boisvert | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG & ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT for SB367**.

Noisy mufflers adversely affect one's health and well-being, disturb sleep, hurt ear drums, force people to stop conversing until they pass, and are just plain obnoxious and rude.

A much needed way to help stop people from installing them is to not allow a moped or motor vehicle with a modified muffler to pass the annual inspection.

Mahalo for your kind consideration in moving this bill forward as quickly as possible so residents and visitors alike may benefit from it.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:49:55 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kim Jorgensen | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please accept my STRONG SUPPORT for SB367.

Loud, noisy mufflers basically terrorize neighborhoods. Those who are forced to hear them are a captive audience to harmful, loud noise. Their ear-splitting soundwaves rattle windows, even mine on the 16th floor of my building. You can't hear the TV or radio while they go by, and they wake people up from a deep sleep.

This type of noise is detrimental to human and animal health. I feel very sorry for the animals in the Honolulu Zoo as the hordes of bikers go revving down all the streets bordering the zoo.

This bill is needed to be another way to discourage people from installing such mufflers.

At last, an effective way to enforce the law on outrageously loud mufflers. I am bothered on a daily basis by some cars and motorcycles on Ala Moana Boulevard that are annoyingly loud even 33 floors up from the highway. Thanks so much for presenting this good idea that I totally support.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:11:41 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| JONATHAN LOTT | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I live at a corner on Ala Wai Blvd at the mid-point of the canal between the McCully bridge and the library. As such, I hear the blare of police, fire, and ambulance sirens all day and night (REALLY LOUD, by the way) but I understand the reason. However, it is the motor vehicle exhaust sounds (and music systems) that are truly ridiculous. If my lanai door is open, I have to rely on the captions on my TV because the sounds from the street and the boulevard drown out my TV sound. I sleep with silicone earplugs and even when I close the lanai I get awakened by the noises (especially the dumpster trucks in the wee hours). Anything that cuts down on the noise pollution is good, in my opinion!

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:25:16 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Alex Kagawa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Loud mufflers in condominium parking garages or near condominium building are bothersome for residents. Loud mufflers set off car alarms in residential parking garages which are sometimes as high as 11 floors. Concrete residential parking garages create echo chambers which intensifies the volume of the loud mufflers. Loud mufflers in certain motor vehicles are factory installed.

There are also loud mufflers on certain motorcycles which could also be considered mainly for residential parking garages. Loud mufflers could be installed after safety check is completed and removed prior to safety check renewals. A good start, but difficult to implement and enforce.

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Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Richard Veloso | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As a resident of 1025 Waimanu St. there is a neighbor at 1023 Kawaiahao St that has a vehicle that is Extremely Loud ! He idles is car for 5 mins+ before slowly driving away twice a day! We live in subsidized housing without central air, so must need to keep our windows open for the trade winds and fresh air!!!!!! When that car is running we can not hear anything else, no TV, no phone calls, or even speaking in our residents. We need the same restrictions on noise as Waikiki, Because Kaakako is transitioning from low industrial area to a residential area !!!! Mahalo. RV

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 4:04:47 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lois Langham | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

YES! Finally a good solution for stopping these annoying, for whatever thrill they get from it, loud, disruptive mufflers. Please pass this bill. Thank you!

LATE

These noisy mufflers are a distraction to other drivers and vehicles on the road. It creates unnecessary noise that causes other surrounding drivers to shift their focus from driving their vehicles and paying attention to the road signs, speed limit, etc. It is also a severe unnecessary loud noise in residential areas, most specially late at night and on the weekends where residents are trying to catch up on sleep and relaxation on their days off. Residents have to get up early the next morning to go to work. Our children have to go to bed early to go to school the next morning. These noisy mufflers come around all hours of the day and night.

Their reasoning saying that "the noisy mufflers alert other drivers that they are behind them or in front of them" is absolutely false and unacceptable. They should simply turn their red lights on or signal to turn left or right ... just like other vehicles use.

Jean Jeremiah

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Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Suzette Tom | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I live in Kaka'ako, and there is a person across the street who owns a car with an extremely loud muffler/engine. He leaves for work each night at 9:15pm, so the neighborhood is forced to listen to him gun the engine for at least a minute, because his car dies unless he does so. Sometimes on weekend mornings he works on this car, so we're forced to listen to it then as well.

It's one thing to hear a noisy car in passing, it's another to have to listen to it every single night. I live in a multi-unit building, and I know several of us are disturbed by it, because there have been many complaints.

There are also many noisy mopeds and motorcycles that drive down this street (Kawaiahao). Please pass this bill so we have some recourse to this annoying noise pollution. Mahalo.

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 6:08:44 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Erica Yamauchi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support the intent of this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:14:44 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Heidi A. Meeker | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

<p>Senator Chris Lee, Chair</p> <p>Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts</p> <p> </p> <p>Senator Lee and members of the Committee</p> <p>Thank you so much for hearing SB367. <p>This bill is attempting to eliminate a growing and <p>annoying problem. <p>There are now individuals who are doctoring their trucks and motorcycles to make as loud a noise as possible when they "gun" their engines. <p>Because buidlings are now built closer and closer to each other, the noise is captured and amplified. <p>These noise makers seem to take a special delight in going out on <p>midnight rides.</p> <p>SB367 is an efficient way to eliminate the problem. <p>The problem should <p>be addressed very quickly once the bill becomes law.</p> <p>Thank you for giving this simple bill your consideration. <p>It is an effective way to make life more liveable.</p>

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:53:08 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| irene kloepfer | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha. I moved from makiki to kakaako in 2021 during the lockdown. There was no loud car noises. As soon as lockdown ended they have been increasing at an alarming rate. I live Queen st and Coral st. Queen and south are like a drag strip. I was speaking with an officer from 311 as a loud car went by and he asked if I was in the street. No my apt I said. It was so loud I asked him to stop speaking because I couldn't hear him. It seems no one is giving out tickets and they know that so they thumb their noses. All day long and 3am 4am 5am. They are revving up our streets. This is an assault and a health hazard It's startling and for us seniors can cause falls because it's so sudden and so loud. 2 of them live at 600 queen st and at least one if not 2 at 615 keawe st near queen. When I called the mayors office I said to the person answering the phone, you are losing a lot of revenue for the city by not ticketing. She said oh we don't get the money. I asked is that why you don't ticket. No answer. Why are politicians wasting time and money passing bills if they are not enforced. This is also a mental health issue For autistic and ones with epilepsy and other similar conditions. And the pets are also incredibly affected. This is wrong and needs to be addressed. Now. Mahalo for listening

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:53:09 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Joseph Silveira | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Joseph Silveira and I live in Waikiki across from the Hawaii Prince Hotel. This part of Ala Moana like living on a drag strip. Extremely loud stock car, motorcycle and foreign race cars with virtually no mufflers at all. Please pass this bill.

Joseph Silveira

1676 Ala Moana Blvd. Harbor View Plaza

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:01:52 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kate Paine | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Can you folks just give us some relief and make this legislation all-encompassing? Constituent relief is way too long in wait.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2025 4:40:30 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Deborah King | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee and Vice Chair Inouye,

Mahalo for your dedication and devotion to reducing the noise in Hawai'i. I have lived in Waimānalo, Waikīkī and I currently live in Chinatown. I can attest to the noisy and very loud automobiles and motorcycles / moped. When I lived at 300 Wai Nani Way almost every night - in the wee hours of the morning - I heard "loud" mufflers (maybe motorcycles) because it sounded like they were going to race down Ala Wai Boulevard.

In Chinatown, I hear similar noises like the drivers are circling the square. It takes me a while to get back to sleep and then I feel like I am "dragging" the rest of the day from lack of deep sleep.

I strongly support this bill to reduce all kinds of noises even from company trucks who pick up in the wee hours of the morning too.

Mahalo for allowing my testimony.

Deborah W. King

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Submitted on: 1/30/2025 8:34:14 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Deborah Di Bella | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My Name is Deborah Di Bella and I support Bill SB367 because I live on Kalakaua Ave. and have to live with constant noise from excessively loud mufflers, backfires, gunning engines, excessively loud horns and more during all times of the day and night. Anything to help keep the noise down is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo for creating this bill.

D. Di Bella

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/30/2025 9:01:50 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Audrey Lee | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Thank you for introducing a bill that may be able to allow people to sleep at night! At any hour of the day or night, unnecessary booming loud noises are emitted from altered or souped up vehicles. During the day, the sounds blend in with the rest of the daytime noises. But at night, when it is quiet, vehicles driving slowly or fast with shattering eruptions of noise pierce the quiet sleep of many in areas frequented by these inconsiderate drivers and owners of these vehicles. Please pass SB367, and thank you for listening to the concerns of your constituents!

LATE

SB-367

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 9:08:07 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Chris Spohr | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

On behalf of my wife, daughter, and myself, I hereby wish to express our strong support for the proposed SB367 Noisy Muffler Bill.

As a quantitative researcher, I'm aware that the evidence on the harm posed by noise pollution is exceedingly compelling. A recent Harvard Magazine article (<https://magazine.hms.harvard.edu/articles/noise-and-health#:~:text=Ahmed%20Tawakol%2C%20an%20HMS%20associate,patients%20and%20presence%20effective%20solutions>) outlines in layperson's terms extensive findings from various studies and meta-analyses, including regarding the risks posed to hearing issues, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, sleep disturbances, stress, mental health and cognition problems (including memory impairment and attention deficits), childhood learning delays, low birth weight, and dementia later in life.

As a father, I'm painfully aware of the toll that noise pollution takes on my family, particularly my young daughter, whose beaming smile on the playground has been turned to tears due to passing cars and motorcycles on more than one occasion. Such incidents motivated my daughter and family to prepare a "Noise Pollution is Pollution" poster, which she provided Senator Moriwaki at a community outreach event last year.

Finally, from a common-sense perspective, I believe that evasion of the new regulations on vehicle noise pollution is perhaps the most glaring case of noise pollution. Whereas construction noise during standard hours, for example, is more defensible in that there are few alternatives, noise from noisy mufflers occurs during all hours of the day/night and often represents an intentional act, particularly in the case of custom car, motorcycle, and scooter mufflers that are designed to intentionally magnify noise. Such individuals' egos should not be given precedent over the public's physical and mental health and right to freedom from undue noise.

We sincerely appreciate Legislators' consideration and support for this important Bill and other measures to take concrete action against excessive noise pollution.

Dr. Chris Spohr

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SB-367

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 10:54:57 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| ROBERT J FINLEY | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

While I appreciate this bill I cannot see how a safety check station without knowledge of the noise generated by the vehicle manufacturer can determine if a replacement muffler is louder or less loud than the original. To the best of my knowledge no safety check station is equipped with testing tools and vehicle documentation to allow the technician to follow this proposal. If this bill determined a maximum noise level, provided safety check stations and county police with tools to measure noise it would be easier to enforce.

Mahalo for accepting my testimony

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Submitted on: 1/30/2025 11:02:45 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Keawe H Bray | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I fully support SB367, introduced by Senator Moriwaki, which prohibits inspection stations from certifying vehicles with noisy mufflers. Excessive vehicle noise disrupts the peace and tranquility of our communities, negatively impacting residents' quality of life, especially in dense urban areas like where I live in Waikiki. By enforcing stricter regulations on vehicle muffler inspections, this bill promotes a quieter, more livable environment for everyone. It also supports public health by reducing noise pollution, which has been linked to stress and other health concerns. SB367 is a necessary step toward creating a more peaceful and harmonious community, and I urge legislators to pass it.

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Testimony for TCA on 1/30/2025 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Daniel Treas | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee, (Moriwaki, Gabbard, Rhoads, Wakai) and legislatures,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB367 that prohibits inspection stations from certifying vehicles with noisy mufflers. I urge support as this legislation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Public Health and Safety: excessive noise from vehicles with modified or faulty mufflers can cause significant disturbances in our communities.

2. Enviromental Impact: Noisy vehicles often indicate underlying mechanical issues that can contribute to increased emmissions and enviromental pollution.

3. Quality of Life: Noise pollution negatively impacts the quality of life in our neighborhoods. It disrupts sleep, interferes with daily activities, and diminishes the overall enjoyment of our living spaces. This bill will create quieter, more peaceful communities for everyone.

4. Fairness and Accountability: Inspection stations play a critical role ensuring that vehicles on our roads are safe and compliant with regulations.

In conclusion, I urge support for SB367 to promotee public health, enviromental sustainability, and the overall quality of life in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Treas