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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A COMMUNITY NOISE  
WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS POLICIES AND LEGISLATION WITH  
RESPECT TO NOISE SOURCES AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, noise pollution is a public health hazard that  
2 continues to negatively affect residents of the State; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the most common health problems caused by noise  
5 pollution are noise-induced hearing loss, high blood pressure,  
6 heart disease, sleep disturbances, and stress; and  
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8 WHEREAS, concerts or events held at private venues in  
9 primarily residential areas cause higher levels of noise  
10 pollution that are not typical of those areas; and  
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12 WHEREAS, concerts or events held at private venues are not  
13 currently subject to permitting requirements; now, therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
18 Health is requested to convene a Community Noise Working Group  
19 to discuss policies and legislation with respect to noise  
20 sources affecting the community; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested  
23 to include the following members:  
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25 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,  
26 who is requested to serve as Chair of the Working  
27 Group;  
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29 (2) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
30 President of the Senate;  
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- (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) A member from the Honolulu City Council;
- (5) A representative from the Department of the Attorney General;
- (6) A representative from the Department of Law Enforcement;
- (7) A representative from the Honolulu Police Department;
- (8) A representative from the Office of the Public Defender;
- (9) A representative from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu; and
- (10) A noise expert knowledgeable in measuring noise emitted from concerts and events and assessing, understanding, and mitigating the effects of noise pollution, to be invited to participate by the Chair of the Working Group; and
- (11) Any other individual deemed appropriate by the Working Group, to be invited to participate by the Chair of the Working Group;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Noise Working Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Attorney General, Director of Law Enforcement, State Public Defender, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Chief



1 of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and Prosecuting  
2 Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

