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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE ABATEMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise abatement laws  
2 have not been effectively enforced. As the State's population  
3 increases, especially in congested urban areas, noise abatement  
4 has become an issue of critical concern to many residents and  
5 visitors.

6           The purpose of this Act is to respond to these concerns by  
7 appropriating funds to establish county noise abatement programs  
8 patterned after the "Click It or Ticket" seat belt program. A  
9 concerted county effort will provide the needed organization to  
10 enforce noise abatement county ordinances such as section  
11 41-31.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu and laws under chapter  
12 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and sections 291-22, 291-23,  
13 291-24, and 291-24.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
17 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2008-2009, to provide incentives to the counties to develop



1 noise abatement programs to enforce noise abatement laws and  
2 ordinances. The appropriation shall be made as follows:

3	County of Hawaii	\$
4	County of Kauai	\$
5	County of Maui	\$
6	City and county of Honolulu	\$ _____
7	Total	\$ .

8 The sums appropriated shall constitute the State's share of  
9 the cost of mandated programs under article VIII, section 5 of  
10 the state constitution.

11 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by each  
12 respective county for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Noise Abatement; Counties; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the counties to develop noise abatement programs to increase enforcement of noise abatement laws.

