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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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CONVENING A LEGISLATIVE NOISE POLLUTION TASK FORCE TO REVIEW  
BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER STATES IN REDUCING URBAN NOISE  
POLLUTION.

1           WHEREAS, the traditional definition of noise is "unwanted  
2 or disturbing sound", which becomes unwanted when it either  
3 interferes with normal activities such as sleeping,  
4 conversation, or disrupts or diminishes one's quality of life;  
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7           WHEREAS, the fact that you cannot see, taste, or smell  
8 noise may help explain why it has not received as much attention  
9 as other types of pollution, such as air pollution, or water  
10 pollution; and  
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12           WHEREAS, yet, noise pollution can have major consequences,  
13 primarily to a person's overall health; and  
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15           WHEREAS, studies have shown that there are direct links  
16 between noise and health and problems related to noise including  
17 stress related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech  
18 interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost  
19 productivity; and  
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21           WHEREAS, noise induced hearing loss is the most common and  
22 often discussed health effect, but research has shown that  
23 exposure to constant or high levels of noise can cause countless  
24 adverse health effects; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
28 that there is convened a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force  
29 to review best practices from other states in reducing noise  
30 pollution; and  
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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of  
33 representatives from the:  
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35           (1) Department of Health, Noise and Sanitation Branch;



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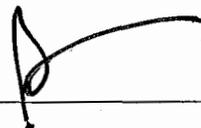
- (2) Honolulu Police Department;
- (3) Honolulu Liquor Commission;
- (4) Public Utilities Commission;
- (5) Interested members of Oahu Neighborhood Boards, interested community members, and other affected groups; and
- (6) Legislators representing urban communities with high levels of noise pollution complaints to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force focus on but not be limited to noise pollution from motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped mufflers, trash disposal vehicles, and stereo or other audio equipment in passenger vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to address excessive and disturbing noise levels to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Director of Health, Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Liquor Commission, Public Utilities Commission, and Oahu Neighborhood Boards.

OFFERED BY:

  
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