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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADOPT RULES TO REQUIRE INSTALLERS OF AFTERMARKET MOBILE ELECTRONICS TO EDUCATE CUSTOMERS REGARDING APPLICABLE NOISE LAWS; THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE LAWS RELATING TO PROHIBITED NOISE; AND MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS WHEN USING THEIR AUDIO EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, noise, in the form of excessively amplified music 1 played in public areas, is a public nuisance; and 2 3 WHEREAS, motor vehicles that produce excessively amplified 4 music are often equipped with aftermarket audio equipment; and 5 6 7 WHEREAS, section 41-31.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, and section 22-14.1, Kauai County Code, prohibit the use of 8 audio equipment in a motor vehicle if the sound produced is 9 audible at a distance of thirty feet from the audio equipment; 10 and 11 12 WHEREAS, section 14-18, Hawaii County Code, and section 13 9.36.030, Maui County Code, prohibit the use of audio equipment 14 in a motor vehicle if the sound produced is audible at a 15 distance of fifty feet from the audio equipment; now, therefore, 16 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 19 of 2011, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is 20 requested to adopt rules under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised 21 Statutes, to require businesses that sell and install mobile 22 electronics, including but not limited to car stereos and other 23 audio equipment, to educate customers regarding applicable noise 24 laws; and 25 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the police departments of the 27 respective counties are requested to vigorously enforce the 28 applicable ordinances and county code provisions related to 29 prohibited noise produced by audio equipment in motor vehicles; 30 31 and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that vehicle owners with aftermarket 3 audio equipment installed in their motor vehicles are requested 4 to be respectful of others when using their audio equipment; and 5

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 7 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and 8 Consumer Affairs, the Chief of Police of each county, and the 9 Chairperson of the Council of each county.

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OFFERED BY:

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