A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 11-46-1,
- 2 Hawaii Administrative Rules, states, "It is the purpose of this
- 3 chapter to define the maximum permissible sound levels, and to
- 4 provide for the prevention, control, and abatement of noise
- 5 pollution in the State from the following excessive noise
- 6 sources: stationary noise sources; and equipment related to
- 7 agricultural, construction, and industrial activities. It is
- 8 also the purpose of this chapter to establish noise quality
- 9 standards to protect public health and welfare, and to prevent
- 10 the significant degradation of the environment and quality of
- 11 life". The legislature recognizes the responsibility of the
- 12 department of health to address excessive noise issues and the
- 13 impacts of excessive noise in the State.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
- 15 health, in collaboration with the department of transportation,
- 16 to conduct a study on the impacts of aviation noise on the

- 1 residents in the Puna district and surrounding areas of the
- 2 Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- 3 SECTION 2. (a) Pursuant to section 11-46-1, Hawaii
- 4 Administrative Rules, the department of health, in collaboration
- 5 with the department of transportation, shall conduct an aviation
- 6 noise study for the Puna district on the island of Hawaii and
- 7 the surrounding areas of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, to
- 8 determine the impacts on the health and welfare of the
- 9 residents. This assessment shall include public meetings for
- 10 community input.
- 11 (b) The department of health, in collaboration with the
- 12 department of transportation, shall report its findings and
- 13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
- 14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 15 the regular session of 2019.
- 16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
- 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to conduct
- 19 an aviation noise study in the Puna district and surrounding
- 20 areas of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Noise Control; Aviation Noise; Department of Health; Department of Transportation; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of health, in collaboration with the department of transportation, to conduct a study on the impact of aviation noise on residents of the Puna district and surrounding areas of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Appropriates funds to the department of health to conduct the study. (SD1)

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