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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature has received complaints from
2 residents about the growing noise pollution and disturbance from
3 loud mufflers on motor vehicles, primarily motorcycles. They
4 complain that the noise level adversely affects their sleep,
5 particularly in the early morning hour or late at night.

6 The legislature finds that the noise may have impacts on
7 public health and safety, as well as peaceful enjoyment and
8 quality of life.

9 The legislature further finds while current laws prohibit
10 vehicle owners from installing mufflers that increase the noise
11 of their vehicle, the penalties are minimal and they do little
12 to deter violators of the current muffler laws, and in fact,
13 violators are known to add the enhanced noise mufflers after
14 they have passed the county vehicle safety check.

15 The purpose of this Act is to enhance the current laws by
16 increasing the fines that may be issued for violation of the
17 loud muffler laws.



SECTION 2. Section 291-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§291-23 **Penalty.** Whoever is convicted of violating any of the provisions of section 291-22 shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than [~~\$100.~~] \$300."

SECTION 3. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than [~~\$100.~~] \$300."

SECTION 4. Section 291-24.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a violation and shall be enforceable by police officers. The fine for this violation shall be not less than [~~\$25~~] \$100 nor more than [~~\$250~~] \$300 for each separate offense. Any person who violates the provisions of this section may be issued a summons or citation for such violation."



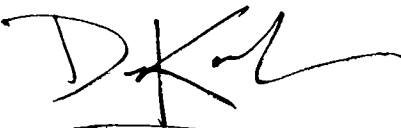



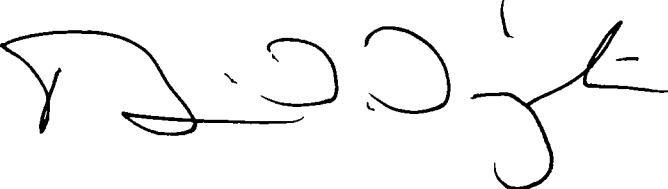
SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 3173

Report Title:

Vehicles; Motorcycles; Motor Scooters; Noise Emission; Mufflers; Fines

Description:

Increases the minimum and potential maximum fine for violating Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 291-22, 291-24, and 291-24.5, which prohibit the installation and sale of noisy mufflers.

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