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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT RULES  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 91, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO REQUIRE  
VEHICLE INSPECTIONS TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF NOISE EMITTED BY  
THE VEHICLE'S EXHAUST.

1           WHEREAS, exposure to prolonged or high-volume noise has  
2 been shown to cause a range of health problems, including  
3 hearing loss, stress, hypertension, high blood pressure, high  
4 cholesterol, speech interference, and sleep disruption; and  
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6           WHEREAS, motor vehicles are a major source of noise in the  
7 community; and  
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9           WHEREAS, existing state law prohibits the sale, alteration,  
10 and any installation of a muffler that noticeably increases the  
11 noise emitted by a motor vehicle above that emitted by the  
12 vehicle as equipped from the factory; and  
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14           WHEREAS, however, the existing law is difficult to enforce  
15 because it requires a comparison to the vehicle as distributed  
16 from the factory; and  
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18           WHEREAS, noise restrictions will be easier to enforce if  
19 the specific noise level is specified and may be assessed in a  
20 formal process, such as through motor vehicle safety  
21 inspections; now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Director of  
26 Transportation is requested to adopt rules pursuant to  
27 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require vehicle  
28 inspections to assess the level of noise emitted by the  
29 vehicle's exhaust; and



# H.C.R. NO. 73

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the  
2 standard for maximum allowed noise level be set at 94 decibels  
3 for all motor vehicles; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
7 Transportation.

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10 OFFERED BY:



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