
HOUSE 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, that the Director of Transportation is requested to
26 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
27 require vehicle inspections to assess the level of noise emitted
28 by the vehicle's exhaust; and



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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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