

**SCR-194**

Submitted on: 3/26/2022 10:15:07 AM

Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: The Honorable Chairs Jarrett Keohokalole and Chris Lee, The Honorable Vice Chairs Rosalyn Baker and Lorraine Inouye, and Members of the Committees on Health and Transportation:

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing SCR194 and SR187 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE ISSUES AND BARRIERS TO ENFORCEMENT TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION FROM TWO STROKE ENGINES, MOPEDS, AND SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE TO HELP REDUCE NOISE FROM THESE SOURCES. Monday March 28, 2022 1:00 p.m. Room 225 and by videoconference

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole and Lee, Vice Chairs Baker and Inouye, and Members of the Committees on Health and Transportation:

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i **strongly supports** SCR194 and SR187!

Noise pollution is a prevalent and increasing problem in the State. Exposure to excessively loud and unabated noises can result in physiological, psychological, and economic damage. There is a continuous and increasing bombardment of noise in the urban, suburban, and rural areas. **Excessively loud vehicles**, such as motor vehicles with after-market modifications to engine or exhaust systems, **and small off-road engines such as combustion leaf blowers and lawnmowers**, are a significant source of noise pollution in the State, impair the peace and tranquility that is part of the beauty of the Hawaiian islands, and constitute a **public nuisance**.

Citizens of Hawai'i are entitled to a healthy and peaceful environment. They have the right to be free from noise pollution that may be hazardous to their health or welfare. Efforts to protect this right have been codified under chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administrative rules. However, existing regulatory measures are not effectively enforced and do not adequately address noise pollution emitted by **excessively loud vehicles or small off-road engines**.

This concurrent resolution SCR 194 and resolution SR187 would ask the Department of Health to examine issues and barriers to enforcement of restrictions to reduce noise pollution from two stroke engines, mopeds, and small off-road engines, and make recommendations to the

Legislature to help reduce noise pollution from these sources, including the **possibility of funding commercial rebates or similar incentive funding to support the transition to quieter operations by zero-emissions mopeds and small off-road equipment**; and the Department of Health is requested to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023.

**Please pass this concurrent resolution and resolution to encourage the Department of Health to recommend ways to provide a more healthy and peaceful environment and protect the citizens of Hawai'i from noise pollution that may be hazardous to their health or welfare.**

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

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Submitted on: 3/24/2022 10:08:11 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Bickel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Waikiki resident, I hear the sounds of these engines bouncing off buildings often waking me at night.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 10:34:06 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT SCR194. As a resident of Waikiki, we can hear this unnecessary noise pollution from streets away. Such noises can interrupt conversations, cause stress, and deteriorate health and well-being.

Please pass SCR194. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 10:57:06 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SCR194.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 7:34:54 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark W. Travis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Waikiki (Governor Cleghorn Building) we are constantly barraged by the annoying sounds of unmuffled engines (mopeds, motorcycles, cars, etc.) Even though there seems to be a law forbidding these noise polluters, nothing is being done. I have yet to witness one violator being cited, even though I can see officer of the Hawaiian Police Deptment nearby.

This constant interruption throughout the day (and night) creates enormous stress and frustration. Converstations have to stop. Reading has to stop. Thinking is disrupted and damaged. The irritation we all feel has to be expressed somewhere, some how, and sadly often to those who do no deserve such anger and criticism.

We appreactiate all that you are doing to help restore the tranquility and sanctity to one of the most idyllic places to live on this earth. Let's keep Hawaii quiet and serene. Stop the sound violations. Stop the violators. Restore the peace.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2022 8:55:04 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Midori Marcia Sue Trent	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR194 with hopes of lessening the noise pollution in our Waikiki streets made by mopeds, motorcycles, lawn blowers and/or other modes of combustion above acceptable decibel levels. Thank you for your consideration.

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Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Scofield	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a retired Honolulu resident. I live in Ka'ka'oko near the Ala Moana mall. As i am home during the day and the evening as i am retired the level of noise pollution has become more than a nuisance. It has become a major irritant and impacts the quality of life in Honolulu. I fully support any legislation designed to reduce noise pollution and improve the quality of life.