
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is a
2 prevalent and increasing problem in the State. Exposure to
3 excessively loud and unabated noises can result in
4 physiological, psychological, and economic damage. There is a
5 continuous and increasing bombardment of noise in the urban,
6 suburban, and rural areas.

7 The legislature further finds that excessively loud
8 vehicles, such as motor vehicles with after-market modifications
9 to engine or exhaust systems, are a significant source of noise
10 pollution in the State. These excessively loud vehicles impair
11 the peace and tranquility that is part of the beauty of the
12 Hawaiian islands and constitute a public nuisance.

13 The citizens of Hawaii are entitled to a healthy and
14 peaceful environment. They have the right to be free from noise
15 pollution that may be hazardous to their health or welfare.
16 Regulatory efforts have been made to protect this right under
17 chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administrative rules



1 adopted thereunder. In addition, section 46-17, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, authorizes any county to adopt ordinances regulating
3 noise, among other things. The legislature finds, however, that
4 existing regulatory measures are not effectively enforced and do
5 not adequately address noise pollution emitted by excessively
6 loud vehicles.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is establish a noise
8 pollution task force within the department of health to
9 investigate noise pollution and provide recommendations on how
10 to better regulate excessive noise pollution throughout the
11 State, from both stationary and non-stationary sources.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall establish a
13 noise pollution task force to investigate noise pollution and
14 provide recommendations on how to better regulate excessive
15 noise pollution throughout the State, from both stationary and
16 non-stationary sources. The task force shall examine:

- 17 (1) The extent that noise pollution laws are being
18 violated;
- 19 (2) Whether the existing laws and regulations controlling
20 noise pollution are sufficient;



- 1 (3) Whether existing laws and regulations are being
2 properly enforced;
- 3 (4) Whether there are laws or regulations that are
4 preventing enforcement; and
- 5 (5) Any other issue the task force considers relevant.
- 6 (b) The task force shall be chaired by the director of
7 health or the director's designee and shall include:
- 8 (1) One representative each from the city and county of
9 Honolulu, Hawaii county, Kauai county, and Maui
10 county;
- 11 (2) One representative each from the police department of
12 the city and county of Honolulu, Hawaii county, Kauai
13 county, and Maui county;
- 14 (3) One representative from the department of public
15 safety - sheriff division;
- 16 (4) A member of the senate appointed by the president of
17 the senate; and
- 18 (5) A member of the house of representatives appointed by
19 the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 20 (c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
21 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2023.

3 (d) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2023.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
7 support the noise pollution task force and its related efforts.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 health for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Vehicles; Noise; Pollution; Nuisance; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the noise pollution task force within the Department of Health to investigate noise pollution and provide recommendations on how to better regulate excessive noise pollution throughout the State, from both stationary and non-stationary sources. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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