

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 429

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 224  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize noise control infractions to be processed under the traffic and emergency period infractions adjudication process; and
- (2) Grant the district court concurrent jurisdiction over noise control infractions committed by minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that there has been a proliferation of legitimate noise complaints across the State. In particular, noise pollution has grown, especially in urban areas, with noise complaints most prevalent during the late evening or early morning hours. However, presently, there are no ordinances designated as noise control infractions. This measure establishes a means to enforce noise control infractions by expanding the existing

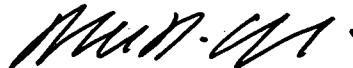


adjudication process that is used for traffic and emergency period infractions to ensure peace within Hawaii's communities. Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, which notes that the infractions established by this measure could be effectuated quickly and efficiently. Your Committee therefore requests that your Committee on Judiciary consider this testimony should it decide to hear this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 224, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 224, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Culture and the Arts,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 224</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/14/23</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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