

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 240

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2023

RE: S.B. No. 586
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. 586 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that a certificate of inspection shall be issued if a vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (2) Require rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (3) Suspend, revoke, or refuse renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent wilful violation of any rule regarding inspection of noisy muffler or exhaust system;
- (4) Establish violations of noisy muffler laws as a petty misdemeanor; and
- (5) Include repairs or installation of a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair regulations.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Specialty Equipment Market Association.

Your Committee finds that many residents throughout the State have complained of the growing noise pollution and disturbances from loud mufflers on motor vehicles, which are often outfitted with aftermarket parts to exceed factory settings. The complaints claim that the noise level adversely affects sleep, particularly in the early morning hours or late at night. To protect public health and safety, while improving the quality of life for all residents, this measure enhances existing muffler laws by increasing minimum and maximum fines for violations and increases enforcement efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 586, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 586, 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,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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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:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	<i>WR JDC</i>
TOTAL	4		1	

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Lorraine R. Inouye

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