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RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION

House Committee on Transportation

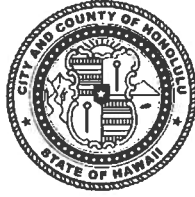
The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports S.B. 2350 S.D.2** which establishes a separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles having noisy mufflers on public highways in high-density areas; authorizes police officers to conduct examinations and inspections of motor vehicle mufflers in high-density areas; establishes separate fines for mopeds having noisy exhaust pipes or mufflers that are driven in high-design areas; and defines "high-density areas".

The HDOT's Traffic Noise Detection Camera pilot will assist with addressing excessive traffic noise from the vehicle using noisy mufflers. Roadside sound meters and cameras can provide evidence of vehicles emitting excessive noise. Once the preset noise threshold is triggered, the camera can capture video of the vehicle emitting the excessive noise. This will provide evidence for law enforcement to take action.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Todd and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2350, S.D. 2, Relating to Noise Pollution

I am James Slayter, Major of District 6 (Waikīkī) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2350, S.D. 2, Relating to Noise Pollution. This bill would establish a separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high-density areas.

The HPD recognizes that loud vehicle noise is a common complaint from the community. While the Hawaii Revised Statutes does have sections that allow officers to enforce these types of violations, the additional language provided by this bill would be beneficial for law enforcement. The clear definitions and stricter penalties could deter would-be violators from installing after-market or altered equipment that create excessive noise.


Rather than creating a new law, we recommend merging the proposed language in this bill with the existing law in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 291-24.5, Motor Vehicle Muffler. The current law also applies to altering, selling, or installing a muffler that will noticeably increase the noise emitted by a motor vehicle above that emitted by the vehicle as equipped from the factory.

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As such, the HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2350, S.D. 2, Relating to Noise Pollution, with the above-described amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


James Slayter, Major
District 6

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March 11, 2024

Senate Bill 2350

Support

Committee on Transportation

Aloha Chair Todd and Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 2350, a noise bill. At the February 13th meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board the board voted in favor of support for this bill.

Following the rather eerie quiet of the Pandemic with very little noise generated in Waikiki we are back with the noise from everything from trash trucks to loud mufflers to the loud leaf blowers that seem to be used early in the morning.

Board members and other residents would like to support this bill.

Robert Finley
Chair

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Submitted on: 3/9/2024 3:27:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eileen Hilton	Windward Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Windward Coalition strongly supports SB2350 SD1 for the reasons of:

- **Quality of life:** stronger enforcement with fines for excessively loud mufflers would improve the peace and tranquility especially in residential neighborhoods.
- **Safety improvement:** Loud mufflers can distract drivers and pedestrians, potentially leading to accidents.
- **Legal compliance:** By penalizing drivers with non-compliant mufflers, authorities can ensure that vehicles adhere to noise regulations.
- **Physical and psychological Health:** Noise pollution has been associated with:
 - Hearing Damage.
 - Sleep Disturbance: vehicle noise, especially at night, can disrupt sleep patterns leading to:
 - sleep deprivation
 - increased stress
 - impaired cognitive function
 - weakened immune system.
 - Cardiovascular Effects: traffic noise has been linked to:
 - an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension, coronary artery disease, and stroke.
 - Mental Health Impacts: noise can contribute to stress, anxiety, and depression.
 - Cognitive Impairment: Noise pollution can impair cognitive function, particularly in children and older adults.
- **Social and Behavioral Effects:** noise can disrupt communication and social interaction, as well as interfere with outdoor recreational activities.
- **Adverse Birth Outcomes:** There is evidence to suggest that exposure to traffic noise during pregnancy may increase the risk of adverse birth outcomes such as preterm birth, low birth weight, and developmental delays in children.
- **Enforcement:** The scope of the bill should be clarified as to whether it will be enforced just on highways or public neighborhood roads as well. For example, excessive motor vehicle noise is a very common complaint in the Windward community. Also will the determination by the officer whether a muffler is excessively loud be subjective or will a noise monitor (e.g. NIOSH approved phone app) be used with specific decibel thresholds with a set distance defined..

Mahalo,

Eileen Hilton MD, President Windward Coalition

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 12:27:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caden Ringholz	Chromeparts	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is not right. Yea I will agree that some car are way too loud but don't let them ruin it for everyone. This is the equivalent of banning airplanes flying over residential areas. You kinda just gotta deal with it like how most people do. You guys are trying to take away one of the most important factors in the car community. The roads are all messed up we already have to pay a arm and a leg just for registration just give us this. Please.

-on behalf of Chromeparts

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:45:29 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JC Sterbentz	Livable Honolulu	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The more comfortable the street environment, the more likely people will walk and bike to get around, benefiting the individual and surrounding community. Fast traffic that's rushing by, a foot away, makes vulnerable road users unsafe. Vehicles that are loud and expel smelly exhaust, create an uncomfortable space for those not enclosed in a vehicle.

Studies have shown that traffic noise decreases work performance; and increases depression, anxiety, and diseases. (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5898791/>)

Cars, motorcycles and scooters that have likely had their exhausts modified to make them loud and more polluting must be regulated. Some say they need to be loud to be heard and seen on the streets, but this has been debunked by studies. Also, removing the muffler doesn't increase the motorcycle's performance, instead, it can damage the engine components. (<https://www.motorbiscuit.com/new-study-confirms-loud-pipes-save-lives-is-safety-myth>)

Other cities are now installing devices that automatically register the license plate if they sense the vehicle's noise level goes beyond a certain decibel range. These need to be installed on Oahu.

Regulating these vehicles will make our air cleaner, and our population happier and healthier. It's way past time to stop the loud vehicles, and create livable public spaces.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:01:12 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
peter Whitarcar	Diamond Head ambassador Board of Directors	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and Committe Members of the Committee Transport

We, ther Board of directors of the Diamond Head Ambassador, strongly support passage of SB2350 to help reduce the almost intolerable level of noise coming from our streets from loud muffler noise. Our entire residence of 90 households is disturbed and awakened day and night by individual and groups of motorcycle and scooters that roar past our residence on Kalakaua Avenue. Increasingly, they pass late and even into the middle of the night, purposly revving their engines and accelorating to make even more noise to echo off neighbouring structures.

This level and frequency of noise is impacting sleep for those of us who rise work, of children and babies alike. This has become a public health as well and civic issue.

Please pass this measure and help restore the aloha on Hawaii's streets.

Tahnk you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/8/2024 5:19:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do something about the racing, speeding and noise all over our islands! Please support this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2024 3:23:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leonard Rossoff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2350 SD1 for the reason that it will improve people's Quality of life and reduce the significant and medically documented adverse physical and psychological effects of noise pollution. This disruption occurs especially at night disrupting sleep, homework, and social interaction and affecting health. I believe it should be enforced not only on highways and main thoroughfares but on neighborhood roads where this noise is perceived to be a problem.

L.J. Rossoff MD

Kaneohe

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 9:33:22 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Bickel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live in the noisy neighborhood of Waikiki. So I support. this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 10:17:49 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chazz Cummings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Chazz Cummings and I am a resident of Ewa Beach, Hawaii. I am testifying today to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 2350, which aims to create separate regulations for noisy mufflers in high-density areas.

Burdens on Law Enforcement

While I understand the frustration caused by loud vehicles, SB2350 places an unnecessary burden on law enforcement. The bill proposes authorizing inspections specifically for mufflers in high-density areas. This is subjective and time-consuming for officers who already have a wide range of priorities. Distinguishing acceptable from unacceptable muffler noise requires specialized equipment and training, further straining resources.

Potential for Inconsistency

The definition of "high-density area" within the bill is unclear. Without a precise definition, enforcement will be inconsistent. This vagueness could lead to confusion for both drivers and law enforcement, potentially resulting in unfair citations.

Focus on Education and Existing Laws

Instead of creating a new law, we should focus on enforcing existing noise ordinances and educating the public about the issue. Increased public awareness about the negative effects of loud vehicles can encourage responsible behavior. Additionally, stricter enforcement of current noise pollution laws can be a more targeted approach to address the problem.

Impact on Motorcyclists

The bill proposes separate fines for motor scooters and motor vehicles. This unfairly targets motorcyclists, whose vehicles inherently produce more noise. Many motorcyclists already comply with noise regulations by using manufacturer-approved mufflers. SB2350 could disproportionately penalize responsible riders.

Conclusion

I urge you to reject Senate Bill 2350. The current laws, with better enforcement and education efforts, can effectively address the issue of noisy mufflers. SB2350 creates unnecessary burdens on law enforcement and could lead to inconsistent application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 10:47:48 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I think that this won't do anything to encourage people to not modify exhaust systems on cars/motorcycles. This is just another money grab. People will just pay the fine and be on their merry way. If you wanna fix the issue, have a save place AWAY from houses that people car drive their loud/modded cars. Build a racetrack

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 11:04:33 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ronald Tran	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't think we should be regulating this given all the other issues that should take priority with police enforcement and other traffic violations and public safety needs. Loud noises are a nuisance but I find noisy neighbors and pet chickens to be more of a concern than a vehicle passing by with a loud muffler compared to a neighbor who parties all night or a chicken that crows at all hours of the night. Enforce that noise please.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 11:18:21 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryu Hidani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB2350, which proposes to establish a separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high-density areas. While I understand the intention behind this bill to address noise pollution, I believe it fails to address more pressing issues and distracts from significant misappropriation of taxpayer funds in our state.

Firstly, the establishment of separate fines for violations of motor scooter and motor vehicle muffler regulations seems excessive and burdensome for residents. It unnecessarily complicates the enforcement process and may disproportionately affect certain communities.

Furthermore, the definition of "high-density areas" lacks specificity, leaving room for subjective interpretation and potential unfair targeting of certain neighborhoods or demographics.

However, my primary concern lies not with the content of SB2350 but rather with the mismanagement of taxpayer funds by the government. While legislators focus on issues like noise pollution, they overlook the egregious waste of taxpayer money on projects like the Honolulu Rail Transit project.

Hawaii residents have watched in dismay as billions of dollars of taxpayer money have been poured into a rail project that has been plagued by delays, mismanagement, and inflated costs. Despite promises of alleviating traffic congestion and providing an efficient transportation alternative, the reality is that the rail system remains underutilized and fails to meet the needs of our community.

The continued allocation of taxpayer funds to this project, while essential services and infrastructure remain neglected, is an insult to the hardworking residents of Hawaii. Our tax dollars should be spent responsibly, addressing critical issues such as education, healthcare, and affordable housing, rather than squandered on pet projects with little tangible benefit to the community.

In conclusion, while I recognize the importance of addressing noise pollution, I urge you to reconsider SB2350 and instead focus on more pressing matters, including holding accountable those responsible for the mismanagement of taxpayer funds. It is time for our government to prioritize the needs of its citizens and ensure that our hard-earned money is used effectively and responsibly.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Ryu Hidani

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 11:21:42 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Damien Agno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having a bill to testify noise isn't smart. Bikes are heard and are actually paid attention to because of their exhausts since the the drivers on island are blind to them and especially to people to who drive small cars.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 11:37:28 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sash Fitzsimmons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2350

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 12:06:49 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willis Yin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the bill SB2350 SD2. I drive box trucks for work. The work truck is loud regardless if im on the highway or in a high dense area. We all know the trash men who come by with there big truck to pick up your trash in a high dense area.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 12:25:31 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ace Neizmen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I love how my car sounds. I also get compliments how how my car sounds. But I'm not out there revving around and being obnoxious for no reason. There has been so many times where I've almost been hit by a big truck that didn't hear my horn but when I revved my engine they realized I'm right next to them. It's the same for loud street bikes. I appreciate the ones I can hear because it makes me aware. Those quiet ones with how small and quick they are in my opinion are very unsafe.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 12:39:29 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TIM REIMER	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is proof of the continuing prejudice, discrimination and harassment of Oahu Auto Enthusiasts/ Mechanics. What, are you guys doing, don't you realize that they keep Hawaii's transportation on the roads, increasing revenue for the state plus getting families to school, to work, to hospitals, refuse picked up weekly, even the Rail depends on them. Every month, YOU , force these talented individuals, with years of experience, keeping Hawaii residents, mobile, to move away. They move to cities that support their hobby and lifestyle not Discriminate against them, every chance that's available. Go spend our hard earned , more like struggled income taxes on more important issues, like crime, mental assistance for those in need (go to Waikiki, if you dare,) just to witness many asking for help. If you can repair, everything, mechanical in the state, including your daily driven car, then harassing the auto enthusiasts doesn't matter, if you can't then you need to realize what issues, you are causing. Car repairs are taking much longer at repair locations, safety inspection stations have very long lines, continuously, there are waiting lists at most service stations, just to bring in your in need of repair, family car. Your actions, are causing these results and need to be realized immediately. Hawaii, is desperately, lacking the licensed mechanics, we once had. This, discrimination and harassing (targeting) of auto enthusiasts, needs to stop, just as fast as this unfair bill should,,No, to this and all bills targeting auto enthusiasts. I'll say, it again No, we auto enthusiasts, will oppose these bills, either in writing or in public rallies. This, should be erased and forgotten.

Tim Reimer. No Support On This Bill

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 1:05:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The car community of Hawaii was happy to hear the end of the recon protocol prior to getting a safety check. Now, we are seeing the government enforce stricter acts towards the car community and now SB2350. Loud cars sure, there are some that are bad sounding but, some people get their catalytic converters stolen, and some people's cars come from the factory loud. To enforce such a bill would cause damage to the engines of some of these cars as you are restricting the airflow of which the exhaust gasses are trying to escape. A lot of young teens and some old heads love their cars whether it be old or new. Cars aren't just an A to B mode of transportation to these people, it is their livelihood and sometimes a reflection and a personal hobby and responsibility to them. If you want to control the noise, open tracks. Put the tracks in locations where the noise pollution won't be bad and you'll help the car community by talking to them and not just enforcing another bill. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 2:14:15 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymond Sangalang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe the bill improperly marginalizes the car community on Oahu. The car community provides a outlet of expression and freedom to those on the island. This is not mainland california and should not be held to the same rules and expectations.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 2:36:12 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Val Valdez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop trying to turn us into cali.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 3:04:39 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support. I live in urban honolulu and the noise can be deafening. Unfortuanntely, you cannot lock the offenders in a room subjected to the same noise at high decibels for at least 15 minutes

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 3:05:40 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac K Guzzo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that would ban loud mufflers on vehicles. This legislation is nothing but a waste of taxpayer money, a scheme to generate revenue for the government's poor spending habits, a waste of time for law enforcement officers, and a violation of the rights of the citizens who want to customize their vehicles or may not be able to afford to fix their vehicles.

First of all, this legislation would waste taxpayer money by creating unnecessary bureaucracy and enforcement costs. The government would have to spend more money it doesn't have on testing equipment, inspection stations, fines, and court cases. This money could be better spent on more pressing issues, such as education, health care, or infrastructure.

Secondly, this legislation would serve purely as a revenue generation scheme for the government, which has failed to manage its budget wisely. The government would use the fines collected from loud muffler violations to subsidize its spending on wasteful and inefficient programs rather than decrease noise pollution in a meaningful manner. This would create an incentive for the government to target more drivers and impose higher fines, regardless of the actual impact of their mufflers on the environment or public safety.

Thirdly, this legislation would waste law enforcement time and resources by diverting them from more important tasks, such as fighting crime, preventing accidents, or protecting the public. Law enforcement officers would have to spend time and effort on measuring noise levels, issuing tickets, and dealing with disputes. This would reduce their already scarce availability and effectiveness in responding to more serious and urgent situations.

Finally, this legislation would target the poor and those who wish to express themselves through their vehicles. Loud mufflers are often used by low-income drivers who cannot afford to fix their mufflers damaged by rust and corrosion, or by enthusiasts who enjoy modifying their vehicles to suit their preferences. This legislation would discriminate against these already oppressed groups by imposing fines that they cannot afford, or by forcing them to change their vehicles to conform to meaningless standards.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject this unnecessary legislation that would ban loud mufflers on vehicles. This legislation is a blatant revenue generation scheme for the government, a waste of taxpayer time and money, a waste of law enforcement time and resources, and a fundamental

violation of the rights of the citizens. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 3:24:22 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kirsten Tsukamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I personally am opposed to this bill as I do not think vehicles should be seen as "noise pollution". I believe it's important for cars and motorcycles to be loud enough to hear especially motorists as most cars on the rode do not pay well enough attention so having a vehicle that makes noise, helps for others on the rode to be paying attention and be more aware that there is another vehicle close around them.

Majority of "loud" vehicle owners I have talked to, their reasoning is that it's for safety and to be able to hear the car/bike/etc. to let other vehicles around them know that they're there. I personally would rather be able to rev my engine to let someone know I'm by them then to have to honk before they crash into me.

At the end of it I do not believe loud vehicle owners should be fined/penalized for the noise that their vehicles make and neither should it be considered "noise pollution".

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 5:30:07 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clyde F.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it's unfair for people like me who is a car enthusiasts. I been modifying cars since I was a teenager and it's a hobby that I have which a lot of people also have the same hobby as me.

Some vehicle and motorcycles also come out from factory loud so how will this bill affect those vehicle ? Will they be treated the same as people who modify their vehicle ? That's why I oppose this bill .

And for safety reasons people who can hear a loud vehicle/motorcyle will know something is coming and will look out for it such as kids playing , elderly & people crossing the streets etc.

Have to look at everything not only making noise. There is positive things for having loud vehicles/motorcycles and even mopeds.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2024 7:02:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Ling	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to this bill. There are many different factors relating to car noises being loud or quiet. Is this not one of the many reasons why we have already have something to deal with these kinds of things, for example, a required safety check?

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:05:33 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Golden	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

horrendous act that won't prevent anything, removing freedom from american citizens.

even if this is passed people will still retain loud vehicles, sports vehicles come from the factory louder than majority of aftermarket exhaust systems.

you would have to completely ban harley davidson motorcycles, taking peoples passion and mode of transportation away from them.

this is a waste of time and money for everybody

the roads these loud "noise polluting" cars drive on should be more of a concern to you, potholes, lazy state workers, and random trash/objects on the road should have your unconditional attention. loud noises are not a danger, your garbage care of the roads are the issue

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:14:14 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT SB2350 SD2.

It should be criminal for the obnoxious modified mufflers and exhaust systems of any motorized vehicle to disturb innocent bystanders within earshot.

Noise is known to be highly detrimental to one's health, and those who basically terrorize neighborhoods with their revving noise are selfish and rude.

House of Representatives
The Thirty Second Legislature
Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
10:30 a.m.

To: Chair Chris Todd, Representative
Re: SB 2350 SD 2, Relating to Noise Pollution

Aloha Chair Chris Todd, Vice-Chair Darius Kila, and Members of the Committee,

I am Lila Mower, president of Kokua Council, one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups with over 800 members and affiliates in Hawaii. I also serve on the board of the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, with a local membership of over 20,000 retirees.

I **strongly support SB 2350 SD 2** relating to noise pollution and offer comments corroborated by citations from expert studies and reports:

Sudden loud noises may be annoying nuisances to some. However, for others, their exposure to disruptive loud sounds may have adverse effects that may not be immediately discernible:

"Acoustic trauma is injury to the hearing mechanisms in the inner ear. It is due to very loud noise... Progressive hearing loss is the main complication of acoustic trauma."¹

"Noise pollution adversely affects the lives of millions of people. Studies have shown that there are direct links between noise and health. Problems related to noise include stress related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost productivity."²

"In children, it results in slowed learning."³

Hearing impairment contributes to dementia and other seemingly unrelated disorders and diseases, causes isolation among those who are hearing impaired, and increases the possibility of mental health issues:

"Epidemiologic research since 2010 led by [Johns Hopkins Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health] faculty has established the contribution of hearing loss to the risk of cognitive decline and dementia in older adults."⁴

¹ <https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001061.htm>

² <https://www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/clean-air-act-title-iv-noise-pollution#:~:text=Noise%20pollution%20adversely%20affects%20the,sleep%20disruption%2C%20and%20lost%20productivity.>

³ <https://www.noiseoff.org/>

⁴ <https://jhucochlearcenter.org/research/focus-areas/cognition-and-brain-aging>

“Today, nearly 50 million people worldwide have dementia...Dementia causes not only disability and dependency for individuals affected by the disorder, but can also have a profoundly detrimental effect on family and other carers, who are at high risk of developing depression and anxiety disorders.

The cost of caring for people with dementia is more than US \$800 billion per year globally, rising to \$2 trillion by 2030.

With no disease-modifying treatments for dementia currently available, health-care systems are in danger of becoming overwhelmed by the future costs of caring for people with dementia.⁵

As Hawaii ages, its health care demands will also increase, exacerbating an already existing shortage of healthcare workers and facilities:

“By 2035, when the last baby boomer reaches retirement age, [nearly 1 in 3 Hawaii residents](#) will be over the age of 60. The more significant change, demographers say, will be a sharp increase in the number of residents over 80 — an age at which people are more likely to have one or more disabilities and need additional health care and assistance with the basics of everyday life.

Hawaii is already facing a shortage of workers in the health and senior care industries. There aren’t enough nursing home beds, assisted living facilities and affordable housing units to meet current demand — let alone the coming wave of retirees. There are waitlists for in-home services, even for people who can afford it. Family caregivers are struggling to get respite care.”⁶

Passage of this measure will have long term implications beyond controlling annoying noises that disturb our peace and enjoyment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **support of SB 2350 SD 2**.

⁵ [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(17\)31756-7/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)31756-7/abstract)

⁶ <https://www.civilbeat.org/2023/06/hawaiiis-population-is-aging-fast-the-impacts-will-be-significant/>

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:30:21 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The walls of my 16-floor concrete condo building in Waikiki actually VIBRATE from the excruciatingly loud noise and sound waves forced upon it by the hundreds of vehicles and motorcycles with modified mufflers that race up and down Kuhio Avenue each week at all times of day and night.

This noise disturbs everyone's sleep, work, and relaxation; and the level of the noise is confirmed to be scientifically unhealthful. We need to stop talking to others until the vehicles are far enough away, and it can be very difficult to fall back to sleep.

Those who use, import, and/or install are all guilty of this harm to other humans and animals.

Please pass this bill, and then please have it enforced.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:34:49 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill! I have been bothered by the noise of loud and backfiring mufflers for too long. I live on Kapiolani Boulevard and own noise cancelling headphones to be able to hear what I choose to hear without it being drowned out.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:48:05 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please SUPPORT SB2350 SD2

I am subjected almost daily to excessive noise from motor vehicles. This is an issue that affects many , not just me. This is detrimental to public health, safety and privacy. It is time to act. Let this NOT die in committee.

Please SUPPORT SB2350 SD2

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:48:17 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill. However I do not think it goes far enough. Loud noises should not only be on "public highways" but in all places. For example - now the noisy motors could legally be active in the next-door neighbors driveway right next to one's bedroom window.

Also I am not sure why this law only applies to "counties with over 500,000 population"? Does that make it only valid in Honolulu City and County?? Why are the rest of us in Hawaii being neglected??

Mahalo for your time and attention to this testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:49:00 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Important noise-control Bills are introduced every year and they ridiculously die in committee. The State Legislature must act to responsibly adopt this Bill this year.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:07:26 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitzi Gold	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a private citizen and support the present bill on Noise #5 and have written and submitted testimony for that bill. In addition I am writing to support the bill on loud mufflers in densely populated area including the Waikiki / Diamanal Head/ Kapahulu areas that are constantly bombarded every single day....from daytime through nighttime with the noise of mopeds, motorcycles, cars and trucks including bull horns. Also often there are multiple people in groups that have these loud noise making vehicles. They are circulating in groups to cause intimidation and to disturb the peace and quiet we need and deserve in our neighborhoods and streets. Please pass this bill immediately and follow through with law enforcement to bring peace back to our neighborhoods, towns and cities! Thank you.....Mitzi Gold

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:11:09 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Sheehan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of SB2350 as I live in a low-rise building without the ability to close windows and use an A/C. Thus, I am subjected to very frequent daily noise from vehicles with clearly modified mufflers that use our otherwise peaceful neighborhood to race at all hours. This has gotten worse and worse. Please pass and enforce this bill.

Margaret Sheehan

2957 Kalakaua Ave

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:19:36 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lourdes Scheibert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 2350.

Thank-you,

Lourdes Scheibert

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:30:50 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this Noise bill. Citizens deserve to have a noise free environment as much as possible. Individuals who deliberately create unnecessary noise should be silenced and penalized.

Mahalo

Chuck Lee

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:02:40 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcia Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure and other similar noise control bills.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:45:04 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2251/SB2350, which underlaying laws are fundamentally flawed.

“Noticeably increases” is way too subjective and opens misuse of probable cause by LEOs.

“High-density area = county having population of 500,000 or more” is ridiculous.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:45:43 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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“High-density area = county having population of 500,000 or more” is ridiculous.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:04:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Stephen Pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I support the concept, I feel the fines are minimal and will not deter violators but only pamper them. I suggest one fine of consequence, say \$2500 for first time violators and jail time for repeat offenders. Then hopefully, HPD and the Courts will aggressively enforce said law..

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:16:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Murphy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly entreat you to pass this bill.

A few years ago, I might have noticed a car or two passing through the Punahou & Wilder intersection with music playing at a volume where I could sing along from the 7th floor a block away.

Fast forward to last night (and virtually every night for the past year). At least three times per hour, a car with a modified exhaust system (or just plain bad maintenance) shakes the walls and causes my heart to flutter goes by. These are often designed to sound like gunfire, and I can't imagine how this affects people with challenges like PTSD.

I've had to rewind whatever I'm watching, tell friends to hold on the phone to wait for the noise to go by, and leap out of bed stunned and thinking there was an emergency. It has gotten so bad that I have had to close all my doors, necessitating artificial air conditioning instead of the good fresh air to which I and everyone else should be entitled. This is not only a health and comfort issue. Air conditioning is expensive and largely unnecessary in a world where legislating common sense isn't required.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:50:40 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Berman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Some years ago, our famous June Jones was featured in a large photo in our newspaper astride his "hog" and quoted bragging about how much noise it made. The exact words escape me as I have grown old waiting for action to curb disruptive, nerve rattling roars from enhanced mufflers on motorcycles and cars and the ear piercing whines from mopeds.

i attended a hearing during that time and was devastated seeing the motorcycle advocates totally resist any limitations on mufflers. Lawmakers seemed helpless to curb the noise in any way. Has that changed? Is it possible that the thousands of people who suffer the assaults from these unrestricted noise machines might get some relief?

I am writing to strongly support this bill. And hope that it can and will be enforced. And hope that in my lifetime noise will be recognized as a threat to our health and well-being and that effective actions will be taken to assure a peaceful environment.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 1:30:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Robinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I strongly support this bill.

I am disappointed that we need to have this, but the seemingly endless disturbances from low-restriction mufflers on motor vehicles (including motorcycles) is at the point where it is out of control. There is a lack of respect being displayed by individuals that modify their vehicles that requires legislation and enforcement in high-density urban areas to reasonably "keep the peace".

Mahalo!

Ben Robinson

Waikiki

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 1:30:58 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support!

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 1:35:54 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Mischer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a very important bill and should be adopted immediately.

It is not only a live style issue, but more importantly a public health issue.

Please vote to adopt the bill.

Mahalo Michael Mischer

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:01:53 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Chu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. I often hear disruptive noisy vehicles late at night in the Ala Moana / Kakaako area when most people are sleeping. They occur mostly on weekends but increasingly on weekdays. Many times it sounds like vehicles racing, revving or playing loud often obnoxious music. It is very loud and able to wake me up from sound sleep. I'm sure this is affecting quality of life for many residents in the neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:27:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pam Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have lived in the Governor Cleghorn, at 225 Kaiulani Ave., since 1993, facing Kuhio Street. In the past 2 years the noise generated from loud mufflers on cars, and motorcycles, has become unbearable. When the motorcycles cruise Kuhio in large groups, it is impossible to shut out the noise. At times, when they are on Kalakaua Ave, the noise travels to our area.

it is time for this to STOP.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:40:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
irene kloepfer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Many parts of Honolulu but especially downtown area, queen st and south st is like a hot rod drag strip. Noise so loud I can't hear what someone is saying on a zoom call. This is detrimental to our health and well being. Please do not wait until someone is killed. It starts 4.30 and ends around 7.30 am every morning. Sometimes in the early morning hours and then again at night. Please pass this bill. With the addition of fines that hpd gives out will be split 50/50 between city of Honolulu and Hawaii state. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:59:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Christopher	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I want to voice my opposition to this proposed bill. This is not a problem the people of Hawaii are facing. Lets deal with real problems. If someones car is making more noise than it should they probably cant afford to fix and ticketing them compounds their problems. Lets focus on real problems.

Ryan Christopher

Honokaa HI

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:09:36 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Park	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill. Please do not let it linger once again till the next session. It is badly needed. There is a car parked near my bedroom. And every late night when he leaves his work place, the very loud muffler his car has, wakes me or startles me whenever he starts his engine. If this bill is passes, (which I and others really hope it does), enforcement needs to be done by HPD in order to have these uncaring individuals cited until they replace their noisy mufflers with quiet legal ones. This includes Mopeds. I'm also distrubed many nights, by some loud car racing down the streets in Waikiki. And mopeds also. Please pass this bill ASAP. For the sake of everyone's health. Thank you, Jeff

Date: March 11, 2024

Re: Bill SB2350 (noise pollution from vehicles)

To: Transportation committee

Dear Committee members,

I am in FULL SUPPORT of Bill SB2350.

The amount of noise in Waikiki from cars with loud mufflers, motorcycles, and modified mopeds is getting worse each year, not better. (Even despite there being many more electric vehicles now). Some of these cars sound like they have FIREWORKS coming out of their tailpipe. It's completely insane that they are able to do this and ruin everyone else's serenity.

It seems that having loud mufflers has become more and more popular for some reason. I've been to Waikiki Neighborhood meetings, and this issue keeps getting brought up over and over, but despite the discussions, this type of noise seems to be getting worse each year.

I'm begging you and the police dept. to try to do more. It happens BOTH day and night. It's even more absurd at night when the bars close between 1:30am and 4am.

I live in the Four Paddle condominium across from the Ritz Carlton. And the noise from the loud car mufflers and motorcycles on Kuhio is really maddening!! It seems that people do it purposely to try to wake people up. (Maybe they dislike tourists, but they are affecting residents as well).

I've installed sheets of plexiglass, and sound deadening curtains over my closed windows, and I sleep with earplugs. And it's still impossible to sleep through this kind of noise. Besides getting woken up, it just makes me angry, which makes it even harder to get back to sleep. Others in our building complain about it also.

I've called the Waikiki Police several times on these occasions. I have also asked the manager of the Kelly O'Neil's bar on Lewers St. to try to do something or to talk and plead with their patrons.

This affects pets also. My small dog becomes extremely panicked when she hears those cars that sound like they have FIREWORKS coming out of their tailpipe. It only takes one or two of these vehicles to constantly go up and down Kuhio, and create so much aggravation and stress for everyone in earshot.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha!

Mark Harpenau
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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:48:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert N Griffith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to strongly support the passing of SB 2350 to toughen the measures to control noise pollution from motor vehicles, motor cycles, etc.

I live at the Four Paddle Condominium at 2140 Khuio Ave, Waikiki and there is almost a constant stream of vehicles producing excessive noise – both from exhaust noises and loud music being played.

I am at one end of the Waikiki area and, as I live on the 24th floor, I can hear vehicles moving essentially all the way to the other side of the Waikiki area. This is not just on weekends, it is continuous.

While I would prefer to not have to close up my unit at nighttime, the noise levels require me to close my windows due to the sound and even that does not stop the louder of the noises finding it's way into my unit.

Tougher laws and, more importantly, more continuous enforcement, are essential to return Waikiki into a place one can live without such disturbances.

Sincerely,
Robert Griffith
2140 Kuhio, Honolulu

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 6:45:27 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Stevens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this Bill to help end excessive and unnecessary noise In Waikiki.

Let's make Waikiki an appealing place to live again.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 7:33:45 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Marie Saymon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue. I am a senior citizen living on a side street in Waikiki that is often used as a pass-through from Kuhio to Alawai. We have a number of what used to be known as "hot rod" cars that come through here regularly and they are so loud that they will wake up the household and Disturb the peace. Anything you can do to regulate excessively noisy car mufflers would be greatly appreciated. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:28:52 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JONATHAN LOTT	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live on the corner of Walina St and Ala Wai Blvd overlooking the canal (Fairway Villa condominium). It's bad enough with the frequent howl of sirens from speeding HPD cruisers and fire and EMS vehicles coming down the canal, but on top of that is the roar of muscle cars, motorcycles and mopeds, and rental trikes coming down Walina as well. The trikes are rented in the International Market Place parking garage, and they have powerful audio systems that tourists seem to feel obligated to play at max volume to get attention as they cruise Waikiki and on their way to return the rental. Often the music in vehicles is so loud I can make out the (foul language) "lyrics" even with my lanai door and windows closed. I have to wear tight earplugs at night, or I will be woken up multiple times. And I think it's even noisier on Kuhio and Kalakaua, not even counting the amplified performers. I used to work as a Waikiki Hospitality Ambassador and was amazed at the brazen displays of attention-seeking noise pollution by muscle car, moped, and especially motorcycle "hordes" as they passed the Waikiki HPD substation (not to mention the disregard for speed limits and rules of the road). Hard to believe enforcement of noise pollution is all that difficult, and I get it that HPD puts little to no priority on it, due to so-called lack of manpower, etc. Maybe it's time to give them the resources and legal "teeth." Now I have serious issues with the hordes of e-bike and non-street-legal off-road electric motorcycles weaving through and often blocking traffic doing wheelies, etc, but at least the electric 2-wheelers are pretty quiet!!! Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:51:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pat Kelly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oahu is inundated with so much noise it's most certainly become a public health issue. It's literally everywhere most of the time. There's a constant stream of ambulances now, helicopters both military at night and tour copters during the day. Roosters are the newest nuisance and they start early but the biggest and most common noise makers BY FAR are cars and motorcycles. It feels like it's almost unregulated because well there is no regulation. HPD might blurt out some statistics but we all know the reality. PLEASE pass this bill with some teeth in it. Fine them exponentially, hit them where it hurts. It's the only way to stop this madness. I pay taxes, I should be able to sleep.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:37:39 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/12/2024 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Laliberte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this measure to eliminate harmful noise from vehicles modified specifically to emit that noise. It's a matter of choice for the car owner to modify their vehicle with the intention of creating a loud and unnecessary noise. Over the past few years there have been more and more vehicles driving my home with loud and in some cases harmfully loud exhaust systems. It's disturbing to me, my kids and my pets. Those who are against this attempt to regulate vehicle noise will say that it's arbitrary and unfair and there is no set standard by which to measure how loud a vehicle can be. These arguments attempt to overly complicate and mystify a problem to the point where it cannot be solved. Let's remember here that the problem is car owners who intentionally modify their vehicles to make them sound much, much louder than the manufacturer designed them to be. This isn't a right guaranteed by any state or federal law. Not does the loud sound have any effect on the performance or functioning of the car. It's purely noise. SB2350 intends to balance out the needs of community members to a semblance of peace and normalcy where they live, work and go to school. This isn't too much to ask. Again, it's for all these reasons that I give my full support to SB2350. Mahalo for your consideration.

Liz Laliberte

Hilo, HI