<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:15:44 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Naia	Testifying for 808 Streets	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I'm opposed to this as People of an organization and speaking for everyone else out their with a loud exhaust this shouldn't be a thing



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:14:56 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dav	Testifying for Ohana tinting LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Motor vehicles are a huge culture in the states, let alone Hawaii at that. The citizens and car community of Hawaii do not want this bill passed as our vehicles are more than just transportation, they are an extension of ourselves and we take immense pride in our vehicles we work so hard for. Passing this bill will be a huge setback for car enthusiasts across the island and will deeply sadden our ohana ! Please keep our hobbies and joy into consideration as it means very much to us !

mahalo, OHANA TINTING LLC

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:03:20 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian Robinson	Testifying for Specialty Equipment Market Association	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), I write to express concerns with House Bill (HB) 587, which would revise Hawaii's laws regarding the regulation of motor vehicle exhaust noise. SEMA agrees that the state's existing law needs reform and recognizes that illegal street racing and vehicle modifications have spiked nationwide during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the underlying vehicle noise laws are insufficient and do not provide a fair standard on which to enforce. Penalties for violating the law should not be increased if the underlying laws are not similarly reformed.

Currently law prohibits an individual from modifying a vehicle's exhaust system in such a manner that it causes the vehicle to emit more noise than when it was originally manufactured. This is problematic as it creates hundreds of exhaust noise standards on which police must enforce as there are hundreds of makes and models of cars and trucks on the road today, each emitting a different range of sound. For example, in their stock configurations, a Honda sedan may emit 70-db of muffler noise, while a Porsche 911 puts out 95-db. Similarly, that Honda's owner could install an aftermarket muffler that raises its noise output to 80-db, rendering the vehicle illegal while still emitting less noise that other unmodified, legal vehicles on the road.

More problematic is that existing law fails to include a methodology for determining if a vehicle is indeed louder than its stock configuration. SEMA supports efforts to create an objective standard for measuring and enforcing exhaust noise laws. SEMA also respectfully requests that such a level be further defined as 95-db when tested under SAE International standard J1492. This SAE test procedure is conducted in a controlled environment using objective methodology. It is the only way to fairly measure a vehicle's true exhaust noise and has been adopted by other states, such as California, Maine, and Montana.

Representing the \$51 billion specialty automotive industry, SEMA is a trade association made up of approximately 7,000 mostly small businesses nationwide, including 41 in Hawaii, that manufacture, market and sell specialty automotive aftermarket products, including restoration,

appearance, performance, comfort, convenience, and technology products for motor vehicles.

If you have any questions, or require additional information please feel free to contact me by phone at (202) 794-8279 or by e-mail at christianr@sema.org.

Thank you for your consideration

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2023 3:37:28 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this bill. We're tired of thoughtless people jolting us with their inconsiderate, disruptive noise!

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:42:56 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Grimsley	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The underlying laws are fundamentally flawed.

The current exhaust noise law is vague and unenforceable, as measuring each motor vehicle to its factory set muffler creates hundreds of exhaust noise standards on which to enforce.

Hawaii should set one upper limit for exhaust noise—95 decibels—backed by an objective measurement system, instead of relying on subjective judgments.

Hawaii needs to implement a working system with an objective testing procedure for determining if a vehicle's exhaust system illegally amplifies the noise emitted by the motor vehicle.

Using an SAE International measurement standard would allow the state to definitively prove guilt or innocence, replacing an unpredictable system that cannot objectively verify whether an exhaust system amplifies the noise emitted by the motor vehicle.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:31:40 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

This is a stupid law. We should be able to modify our cars how we want to since yall are charging us so damn much for registration. How about you guys just lower the registration cost so we can be like all the other states out there... Paying \$700 for my work truck every year along with \$300 for my daily driver and \$400 for my project car just to drive it thru pot hole kingdom is absolutely rediculous.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:42:54 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LIBRADO COBIAN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lee,

I respectfully request your opposition to legislation (S.B. 587) which would reform enforcement of its exhaust noise laws. However, the underlying laws are fundamentally flawed.

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Regards, Librado Cobian

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:48:24 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

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As Section 1 of the proposed bill quotes "The complainants claim that the noise level adversely affects their sleep, particularly in the early morning hours or late at night. As such, the noise may have impacts on public health and safety, as well as peaceful enjoyment and quality of life." I hear garbage trucks, dump trucks, helicopters(private & military) making way more noise than private vehicles and motorcycles. I will add that a larger "impact on public health and safety" is the LACK of noise of electric vehicles in mainly parking lots and crosswalks. Electric vehicles are essentially stealth near pedistrians.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:49:59 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

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<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:56:55 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel macadangdang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this idea

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:02:16 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward J Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this legislation as it is an not necessary.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:03:13 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DYLAN GUIDRY	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Passing this law would violate many people's 1st amendment right of self expression. This is due to the fact that an overwhelming number of people choose to own vehicles equipped with exhaust systems which are louder than standard vehicles, because these individuals use these vehicles as a means to express their personalities and creativity. Barring the people from expressing themselves in a manner such as this will undoubtedly result in an increase in unlawful activity and quite possibly an increased risk of other, more dangerous, activities. For example: the strict limiting of vehicle exhaust systems in the state of California has caused a large spike in illegal street racing and "takeovers", where participants block off a public intersection and proceed to perform illegal and dangerous stunts, such as drifting and burnouts.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:24:50 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Giovanni Chandler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to this law

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:25:57 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Pablo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose and see this only as an attack and another excuse to fine tax payers so that the greedy politicians can fill their pockets.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:56:55 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jarren Tampon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii was one of the first "outsiders" to take influence from the japanese domestic market and portray it how we wanted to. We were also part of the reason why the car culture is so vast and open ended, because we had taken such a big influence, we also influenced a lot of others. This is honestly going to make a lot of people upset and eventually just get up and leave. What's a government with no support? The one with no supporters. Think about why.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:12:40 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I believe that allowing this bill to pass is also taking away from our rights as car enthusiasts. Us car enthusiasts build our cars as an extension of our personality. Being able to build our cars to our liking is another way for us to express ourselves. I believe that in some way it's part of our first amendment rights and doing this seems like a violation of that.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:16:04 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody Taketa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With the introduction of SB587, this would not only hinder business that do exhaust systems but it would also be crippling an entire community. Modifying cars is a way of one to express what they like through their car and by taking away the option to modify the sound level of their vehicle puts our state on a track that will lead to a removal of right to repair. The state has not given the car community an area to participate in the sport within legal means but, they are willing and meaning to take away more freedoms from. By passing this bill, you will be causing several issues that will begin to emerge. What will happen when someone's catalytic converter is stolen as this bill has been passed? Are you going to fine them for having a loud exhaust while also having them having to fund the replacement catalytic converter? In the end, this bill passing would be a devastating loss to the entire car industry as a starting point.

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB587. I grew up loving cars. This bill would destroy the passion many people have for cars. Many vehicles that come from the factory come with a muffler a little louder than some vehicles. Also there has been so many thefts of catalytic converters, Those victims are sometimes not able to purchase a new catalytic converter and replacing it with piping making it a little louder than a factory muffler. I as well as so many other people oppose bill SB587

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:23:24 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Honielyn Felipe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Some cars come with exhausts that could be considered loud. People with those cars shouldn't be reprimanded for something the manufacturer did.



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:23:46 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Wolcott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:32:27 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Airianna Siders	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are so many starving individuals on the streets of Oahu that it is appalling to see our government could overlook all of those people and instead focus on minescule issues like exhaust systems. You need to spend a long time thinking about how to Feed and House people safetly before you can start making demands of your common public. We oppose.



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:32:46 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerome mangrobang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose of bill SB587 as it is impossible to verify the difference from stock and modified exhaust from the sound of the muffler alone.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:37:14 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dallas Emosi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in opposition of SB587, modified exhaust systems are not for noise but for an increased performance for your vehicle therefore having Increased fuel efficiency especially with the fuel prices at this time. Modified exhaust systems also let people in the area know that there is a vehicle that is near them so that they can anticipate where the vehicle is coming from and not get hit if crossing the road.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:36:04 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josiah Flores	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a huge fan of the automobile community, I find it unecessary to penalize loud exhausts. Growing up, I would always help work on my dad's OldsMobile, and we just had a blast hearing the car's engine roar. I find it sad that Hawaii is slowly evolving into a strict state such as California where they greatly impact the car community. I believe car owners should be able to modify their cars however they want. After all, it is under their ownership. I have no problem with the loud cars that pass by my neighborhood. In fact, being able to hear the sound of a car passing by saved my grandma a couple times backing out of our driveway. She may have not seen the car, but she definitely heard it coming. Moreover, putting a massive restriction on car modifications poses a potential threat of stopping traditions and hobbies that have been going on for decades. I definitely would not like to see the island that I call home devolve into a government controlled disaster.



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:51:04 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Alohas I feel there are way bigger problems than loud exhaust systems that our police should be worried about. The loud exhaust doesn't cause any problems either. $\mathbf{\nabla}$

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:59:43 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. E.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a citizen of hawaii, I firmly disagree with SB587. Please advise that SB587 is just another unnecesarry bill being created to charge drivers for insignificant noise complaints. There are no major safety concerns reported or recorded for the state of Oahu and all funding and resources should be focused somewhere else. Fireworks here on the island cause more injuries and mishap on a regular basis than reporting drivers on the road yet theres no bill created for that. Please reconsider passing this bill and disregard as it is wasting resources, time, manning and unnecessary tax payer dollars. Mahalo.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:34:56 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

Dear Honolulu Government, I oppose this bill on behalf of many citizens on Oahu. Some have older vehicles, some have manual transmissions, others I believe shouldn't disrupt another person to the point of passing a bill like this. It is unfair to taxpayers that we are being spotlighted for having vehicles with loud mufflers or engines but it is not harming the people around us just by noise. I kindly ask that you drop this bill on behalf of those who own vehicles of this type as it is unfair.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:07:30 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

Loud exhaust doesn't even cause a problem those that complain are those that complain about everything. Disturbing the peace? It doesn't disturb the peace.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:32:58 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I kalani sarpi oppose this bill. Last thing Hawaii needs is more rules. The 5 seconds of a loud car passing you doesn't hurt you. It's hard enough being a car enthusiast in Hawaii. The back tax on cars is crazy. The yearly safety and regulation is expensive on an already expensive island to live on. Now you guys want more rules,less money in the people of hawaiis pockets.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:32:19 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emanuel Haros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't agree to this new law, because it's useless. New vehicles (sport models) already come super loud. It is very unequal for people that own older vehicles not to be able to have the same asthetics. ALSO there are catalytic converter thiefs out there, so you telling me if one cannot afford to buy another one they'll get a ticket? In other words, that individual is getting hit from not only the currupted government but also a thief, by paying a ticket and also getting robbed. Useless law.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:09:45 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I disagree with SB587.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:21:02 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Rivera	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB587 opposes the car culture here to express and build their cars the way they want to. Recon was introduced to limit people from modifying their cars in "unsafe" ways but was rescinded because these modified cars were better taken care of then the average citizens car. This amount of loud exhausts on the roads is minimal compared to the amount of cars that are actually on the island. By passing this you also limit many of the Harley Davidson and motorcycle riders here on the island as they buy stock motorcycles that will likely exceed the decibel requirement that this legislation will try to set. One of the many things that makes Hawaii great is the ability to actually modify and express yourself through your vehicles, don't turn this state into a tyrannical monster like California with excessive car regulations amd don't personally attack a very small group of individuals on the island who find a passion in working on their vehicles and expressing themselves through their car modifications.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:31:06 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonas Allison	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against the Idea of punishment for loud exhaust. For some people it is their passion to expierience the thrill. Please take into consideration that we try to keep it quiet as possible through residential areas.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:43:33 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM		LATE	
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler S Yamanouchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is yet another bill that targets the car community of the state of Hawaii. Without proper guidelines of what is deemed as a "loud" exhaust that can be measured quantitatively, it up to the officer with the sole discretion to carry out the law as he/she sees fit. There have been numerous instances of officers targeting people with modified cars and adding on numerous additional tickets without substantial evidence. The law cannot be carried out in the "gray" area without giving a measurable identifier to give out these citations.
<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:42:37 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I oppose SB587.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:04:09 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jimmy Lam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I work at Porsche Hawaii and Porsche 911s have a naturally loud exhaust system with no modifications. There are also many other factory vehicles that have a naturally loud exhaust system. Also I test drive customers vehicles that have modified their exhaust system and it would be difficult for a person to have to pay an increased fee for a fine that is received upon a vehicle that isn't they're own.



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:15:29 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylie Choo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kylie Choo and i oppose this testimony. As a car enthusiast and technician, I see no harm in our loud exhaust systems. It is truly a hobby and for a lot of us, we make money off of our cars, including the exhaust. Hawaii is expensive enough, why would you want to take our income away? If a track was built, cars would not race or make loud noises in the middle of the night. Cars are not just a toy, they cost a lot of money, effort, love, and care to build it how we want. Its very selfish to take this away from us. Personally, cars give me joy, comfort, and purpose. As a technician, I fix these cars everyday, including HPD cars. I can say, HPD cars are driving around very unsafe and have problems they will refuse to fix if it it not under warranty. Cops speed faster than us as well. Exhausts dont effect emissions here in Hawaii. In the mainland, yes i understand. In Hawaii we are surrounded by a huge filter system so there isnt anything to worry about. I strongly oppose SB587. Please, do not take our hard work and love away from us. Just like everyone else, we deserve a hobby and talent. For us, cars is that hobby and talent.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:54:36 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jaron Akina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello my name is Jaron, I oppose this bill because it's a big part of our culture growning up and every year our cultures in Hawaii are depleting. We have a big community of modified cars and making all of us change our exhausts to the liking of others is a discriminatory act of hate towards our community.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:31:02 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keolaokalani Preslar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Hawaii car community won't be the same if this bill were to pass. A lot of hard working men and women devote their time and money into there vehicles, to relieve stress or to just make them happy. It's our escape from anything/everything. The excitement, thrill, and joy we get everytime we hear our cars start just gives us pure happiness. I oppose this bill. Thank you.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:12:59 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Higa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Increasing minimum and maximum fines as proposed on SB587 will directly affect residing citizens of Hawaii, as they are the persons working and commuting. The threat of inflation and increasing housing costs are already pressuring local families to leave Hawaii. Noise pollution if it is a public safety and rights concern, should be focused on silencing "after hours" construction projects and on the impact of current roadway design that have not taken in to considerations the projection of sound such as freeways or large roadways in/or near residential homes. Sound barriers or sound engineeering should be considered before directly punishing residents who have already met current safety check guidelines for their personal vehicles.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:32:48 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:07:23 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiel Nakagawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Passing this law will do nothing.

Some of the police cars here have upgraded exhausts systems making their vehicles just as loud or even louder then others. They should not be allowed to have loud exhaust systems if everyone else isnt able to. You guys will ruin the car community here. There is NOTHING wrong with the loudness of an upgraded exhaust system.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:52:16 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Colin Uson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii, who was born and raised here for over 20 years, loud or noisy exhausts have no threat to our community.

If your reason to enact this bill is because of pollution, then I would say that the impact of modified exhausts are miniscule to the impact of the tourism industry. Everyday restaraunts are diposing of tons of garbage; cruise ships are using hundreds of gallons of oil; and hotels alone, using air-conditioning-consuming electricity. Therefore changing the climate in Hawaii way more than having a modified exhaust, that not all citizens have, and not all drive everyday.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:16:16 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Jarmel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE! I feel like

instead than relying on the expertise of a single officer, it should be based on standardized equip ment provided to all fully trained police. What if the car has stock exhausts for example the Hyundai N line (search for it if you guys don't know what car are those) and they didn't even modified it? It feels illegal for us to just get pulled over because "the muffler is loud" when it is stock. Think carefully guys, as far as I wanted to help the community about some cars that's actually have super loud exhaust but please teach all the officers or they just gonna pull over some random cars that's have a exhaust that's not even loud.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:39:50 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalawaia Kamai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People's mufflers are constantly being cut by actual criminals. Most "Noisy mufflers" are due to road damage, theft, or vandalism resulting in huge repair costs to many unfortunate civilians. Police won't be able to determine the cause of any muffler noise on any moving street to justify a dangerous traffic stop. Even upon a traffic stop, an expert should determine sound levels and/or sound cause. To be fair to all this should be required despite the looks of any muffler. Innocent people should not be forced to pay a high fine on top of any repairs due to actual criminal activities that have spiked within recent years.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:11:35 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CJ Uehara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How would this be enforced ? It's just another thing our officers will waste time on opposed to important matters. It should not be based on judgment of an individual officer, but standardized equipment issued to all officers who are properly trained. Need to have a baseline. One officer thinks it's fine but another will cite you ? That doesn't make sense.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:59:52 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryson Salcedo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are much more things to worry about than mufflers. If you so desperately want to fix the car scene in Oahu, build a track.



<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:00:09 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jake Honl-DeGuair	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Noise from an automobile is inevitable, and the level of noise an exhaust emits being the only factor that is to held to this standard is an inadequate and unfair comparison. The average modified exhaust operates at levels of around 95db. For comparison, a schoolbus engine with the cooling fan running, operates at a noise level of up to 114db. Older unmodified diesel trucks, the vehicles that run our country, keep our families fed and our lights on - idle at a noise level of 101db. The point is; loud exhausts or not - there will be noise on public roads. Tires make noise, fans make noise, it is a part of modern day life. Picking on solely modified exhausts when they are just a small percentage of the vast majority of noise polution from public roads is not only an inadequate comparison, but a waste of time and a waste of resources as well. Many current vehicles (especially modern sports cars i.e: 2023 Ford Mustang, 2023 Dodge charger/challenengers) unmodified, 'from the factory' exceed exhaust noise limits in some states. What does the consumer do in that case? Ford mustangs and dodge chargers make up half of the police force. How can exhaust noise be regulated by those who violate it themselves. This is an unnecessary standard that will further complicate the lives of a people that have already been through too much. Thank you for your time.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:49:34 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John lamayo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, I am John Lamayo, and avid car enthusiasts that love cars as a hobby. We put our hard earned money into our vehicles and I am opposing of this bill as I feel like it violates our freedom.

I myself, drive a vehicle with an aftermarket exhaust BUT doesn't mean I deserve a citation. Not everybody drive like a total lunatic in the streets holding the gear so that everyone can hear their exhaust. I understand that these cars make noise BUT it's only to those certain handful of drivers that deserve that citation and not everyone. You can barely hear my exhaust on rhe road. HPD should understand and hopefully make the right decision when handing out those citation. Thank you.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:01:41 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I as an individual citizen oppose to having this bill sign. jus like the 1st amendment " freedom of speech " freedom of us individual letting us do whwhatwvr we want to our exhaust systems

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:02:20 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jose McDermott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a waste of time and energy to enforce. There are more common issues affecting the environment. Vehicles are being targeted when there are more prevalent pollution causes. Enabling a police officer to site such violations are petty compared to drug enforcement. The police officer should be more focused on ensuring the public safety of the citizens rather than making sure the muffler of a vehicle that has a current safety inspection is too loud.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:23:10 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eugene F Tumbaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i dont really like the idea. itll just ruin the car enthusiast and car community. Loud cars can also help minimize pedestrians from being bangged from the street cz they will hear the exhaust. Quiet cars are the ones that is scary cause u dont hear them and by time u see it, its already too late.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:43:13 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I personally don't think this is worth giving millions of tickets to people who have loud exhaust because at the end of the day there gonna leave that exhaust and most likely people won't pay the tickets they get which then causes the state to complain about MILLIONS of tickets not being paid. People are just showing what they have on there car or in there car it's something they love it may not be others taste of tea. Cops let go people who have expired tags go and not pull them over they should be the ones paying tickets of the there crime but for exhaust? It's dumb some of you may not agree but the ENTIRE car community will stand for this and that's about half the people on this island so you think doing this and giving tickets out to everyone with loud exhaust gonna stop them from having it? No there gonna keep doing it.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:46:51 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanner Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have personally never experienced the "noise pollution" bill mentions. This takes and punishes those who find joy and passion within autosports. There are so many other more important issues you could fine and regulate.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 2:15:51 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriel Bantolina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Loud Exhausts do not harm our environment nor the people of Hawai'i

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:48:22 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keanu Fase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Noisy mufflers are the least of our problems that we should worry bout, in matter of fact it isn't even a problem.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:51:30 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Connor Ibi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against it because loud exhaust doesn't hurt anyone. It is also apart of a culture. The car culture is where car enthusiasts like myself get to modify their cars and express who they are through their cars. Modifying our exhaust is one way of expressing who we are. Car enthusiasts see cars as more than just cars, we see them as apart of ourselves and having the option and chance to modify our cars should be allowed.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:17:42 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii has always been full of culture and one of it's many cultures is its car/truck culture. Your neighbor with his lifted yota, and the fat guy on the moped are not far and few, you have a few on every block and everyone tries to make theirs special. The problem with ticketing for exhaust noise arises is by limiting this aspect of creativity, you take the culture out of the islands and make it just like anywhere else. Making more laws and restrictions on what locals can and can't do to their own vehicles turns the island into a place of restriction and the rest of any legislation will follow suit! What happens when the locals cannot put sounds in their lowriders? How will the west side ever be the west side again? I've been in touch with many unkos about how they started doing these things when they were a kid, TAUGHT by their Makua on what to do to make it individual and special. This is a slippery slope and it will be used to destroy the culture. Remind me why many are leaving California to go to more conservative states? Hawaii may vote blue, but preserving the culture is literally what keeps hawaii, HAWAII!

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:13:34 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Wilson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:24:51 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Westley Ragasa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB587. This will invite the theft of catalytic converters around the islands.

It should not be based on the judgment of an individual officer, but on standardized equipment issued to all officers who are proficiently trained and certified with necessary requirements. Equipment needs to be calibrated and certified. Oversights and audits are required in order to prevent abuse and corruption.

A change in the exhaust will improve a car's performance by reducing the engine's need to consume extra fuel to compensate for dirty air levels.

Also if this law passes it would destroy not only the car community but also business owners who run car shops in HI.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:27:33 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Paul Duldulao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Why are you guys trying to hurt the locals this is all we got. We don't even have a racetrack. Not everybody can afford a new car. You guys are just making hard for the locals.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:28:39 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mr. Blaise Yamauchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in opposition of SB587 relating to "noisy mufflers" or modified exhaust systems. Modified exhaust systems in most vehicles are not intended to just amplify the vehicles sound or to make noise. Modified exhaust systems are to increase the performance of the vehicle and to make the vehicle more efficient. Increased performance from a modified exhaust system results in better MPG (Miles Per Gallon) or better fuel efficiency. With the increased cost at fuel pumps in todays world, any increase in fuel efficiency for your vehicle is necessary to make ends meet. Modified exhaust systems on motorcycles also benefit from better fuel economy, but are also installed on motorcycles for added safety because motorcycles are less visible to other drivers. With a modified exhaust on a motorcycle, drivers in the immediate area are aware that there is a motorcycles using modified exhaust systems to amplify sound for safety reasons are similar to how EV's (Electric Vehicles) produce "artificial" engine/exhaust sounds to let other drivers or pedestrians on the street know that there is an approaching vehicle (Electric Vehicles are silent without these artificial sounds). I kindly ask that you reconsider not passing SB587 to the next phase and focus on other issues relating to transportation like catalytic converter thefts.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:51:37 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Brand	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Quit being whiny bitches and go buy some earplugs no one gives a fuck about your opinion. leave the car community alone $\frac{1}{2}$

stop giving out tickets like you oprah if yall broke just say that

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:05:58 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hunter Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm voicing my concern to this new bill since we are so ridiculously minimalized on any modifications to vehicles already there is no need in going threw with taking any more freedom from the citizens. I agree the laws should be made to protect and serve the people of the state and at this point it's starting to seem as if we aren't even allowed to have free will over our own vehicles. I know this may not even reach the right audience but I'm still going to try my best so that we can keep as much of our freedom that we possibly can since these bills are only going to target more and more mundane acts instead of actually helping anyone in the community.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:33:41 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
erwin alviar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Alot of people love cars. Atleast its a good addiction than drugs. Why not make tracks for these loud vehicles so other people wont be bothered.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:54:12 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Khryslyn Redoble	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've been in the car scenery ever since i was a little girl, loving all cars, even with the loud exhaust, custom cosmetics, colorful wraps. it's all love in the car industry. I've seen it changed peoples lives, when they want to escape a reality and express themselves differently, they do it through THEIR CAR, that they BOUGHT, and OWN! it has changed peoples lives, for the better. The car community, we come together, and learn, it's how we teach the next generation, it's how we express ourselves, from building from the bottom to the top, and people seeing our hard work, it's what makes us happy. people have the right to express them selves ; by passing this bill, you're discriminating. Discrimination occurs when people are treated less favourably than other people are in a comparable situation only because they belong, or are perceived to belong to a certain group or category of people. All this because of loud exhausts, when it's a way of EXPRESSING. Instead of spending \$1M on drones that'll supposedly catch people popping illegal fireworks; instead of spending money on the rail that's supposed to be finished; instead of prioritizing tourism, prioritize the people who live here, help the schools be better, help the homeless, help the people. A loud exhaust is a way of expressing, it's someone's life, i've seen the way someone's day gets better by just hearing an exhaust. You can express yourself with "Works Of Art" the car industry, is a Work Of Art. By passing this bill, you're taking away our rights to self express.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:55:40 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caleb Yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Caleb Yamamoto, do not agree with this proposed bill.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:41:49 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

You corrupted fakas always tryna make money on car enthusiasts. Do something better stupid shits thats what you get for building that stupid rail road and fuck those stupid sensitive ears faggots.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:41:49 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

You corrupted fakas always tryna make money on car enthusiasts. Do something better stupid shits thats what you get for building that stupid rail road and fuck those stupid sensitive ears faggots.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:58:17 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Serenity Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the car community, I strongly believe that this bill should not be passed for the sake of our cars. I firmly believe that our noisy mufflers are not the problem. We have bigger issues other than having noisy mufflers. As a car anthusiast, I do not see the possible problem with having noisy mufflers. Neighbors may complain but it really is not a problem. Please reconsider passing this bill. The car community will thank you.


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

Comments:

As a former resident by the highway I can understand the complaints that must have been made. However, living by the highway or freeway is a choice. The cars passing by are just minding their own business and do not mean any harm to the residents. Not everyone with an modified exhaust is set out to make noise nor to be going home late at night after work. We cannot pass this bill due to the unfair nature of it. "Loud" or "quiet" is subjective and when cars (modified or unmodified) do drive on the highway or freeway the sound does amplifies and echo due to the walls around them.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:39:12 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jagger Backen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I solely believe that this bill would be implemented as another cash flow for the state. Rather than something that promotes safety or reduces noise pollution. If you simply get within 1000 feet of the construction that takes place outside homes for the railway you'd be able to clearly tell that noise has nothing to do with state intentions. If you would like to implement a way to reduce noise pollution on the island of Oahu I would consider focusing on industrial noise pollutions rather than civilian vehicle noise. Personally hearing "loud" cars and exhaust systems passing on the freeway occasionally is much less of a hindrance than a state workers pouring concrete outside at 2am. It just seems like this bill is just implemented to increase the cost of tickets. Just another thing to tack on. Instead of a real, safety or pollution oriented bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jagger

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:51:45 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tad Sumida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the proposed bill SB587. The laws regarding vehicle exhaust is already ambiguous and allows police to enforce based on their bias or discretion. Without the law having a hard defined limit to excessive noise this leads to the officers just ticketing and searching vehicles without on their own whim. If they want to keep the law in place and increase the ticket fines they need to make a hard defined measurable limit to the noise.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:57:34 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Van Abdill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Representatives,

I respectfully request your opposition to legislation (S.B. 587) which would reform enforcement of its exhaust noise laws. However, the underlying laws are fundamentally flawed.

The current exhaust noise law is vague and unenforceable, as measuring each motor vehicle to its factory set muffler creates hundreds of exhaust noise standards on which to enforce.

Hawaii should set one upper limit for exhaust noise—95 decibels—backed by an objective measurement system, instead of relying on subjective judgments.

Hawaii needs to implement a working system with an objective testing procedure for determining if a vehicle's exhaust system illegally amplifies the noise emitted by the motor vehicle.

Using an SAE International measurement standard would allow the state to definitively prove guilt or innocence, replacing an unpredictable system that cannot objectively verify whether an exhaust system amplifies the noise emitted by the motor vehicle.

Regards, Alan Abdill 28 Anamuli St Kahului, HI 96732

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:02:00 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kassidy McKinty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A noisy muffler is not probable cause for a traffic stop. It's a waste of manning and time. Trying to enforce vehicles being safe and pristine for the roads when the roads aren't even safe or pristine enough for the vehicles. Putting focus on modded vehicles because they "pose a safety hazard". The amount of vehicles that drive with absolutely no lights on at night are the ones that pose a true, genuine safety hazard. A very wise officer once said, he is more likely to pull over the stock car than the modded car because he knows the owner of the modded car knows they stick out like a sore thumb and are less likely to have illegal substances or objects in their possession, unlike the stock car on the other hand who knows they blend in with traffic and aren't worried about their car catching the attention of an officer so they are more likely to have illegal substances or objects in their possession.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:18:21 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahana Kauahi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

aloha my name is kahana kauahi,

I am a law abiding citizen and i ride a 2013 harley davidson road glide. I currently have a loud exhaust on my bike and i am able to operate it with a low throttle to keep noise polition down to a reasonable hearing level and to not disturb the peace, but i am also able to rev it up and make it loud to be seen by other vehicles when cars or trucks do not see me while changing lanes or lawfully passing. I cannot stress or count the times that my loud exhaust has saved me from a collision with another vehicle. I oppose bill SB587 and wish to have this safety measure as i call it to be a safeguard for me when traveling on my motorcycle. Thank you

Kahana Kauahi

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:18:27 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Courtney Gomes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB587 as it will more work for our law enforcement to regulate. With the advancements in technology, mufflers can be wired in such a way that allows for the adjustment of noise level depending on the features and program options within the modification on the vehicle. With these specifications, drivers will be able to adjust muffler volume as they please, avoiding potential fines. As there is already a law in place for noise level, an increase in fines for muffler volume will be redundant and an inconvenience for law enforcement to regulate.

More recent vehicles are also equipped to come with different modes depending on the car and its features, allowing for muffler noise to be a resonable volume all with a quick mode change. This advancement also prevents a driver from receiving a fine as they can make adjustments as needed if and when they see law enforcement on the road.

This bill will not be successful as law enforcement will not be able to regulate this with good reason, and for that I oppose it.

<u>SB-587</u>

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:21:32 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sterling Miles Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a member of the car community i dont think this bill should be passed because we have a right to modify our cars/trucks with the money that we work hard for. We have bigger problems going on in these islands that need to addressed instead of modified exhaust.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:36:18 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian Delalla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to oppose this legislature proposing an increase in minimum and maximum fines for loud muffler systems. The reason for this is I feel personally that an individual being able to modify their vehicle in such a manner falls under multiple forms of expression and freedom. I do not have a loud muffler system on any of the vehicles that I drive every day, however, I do on one such vehicle I drive on occasion. It is as such for the reason that I enjoy the sound my vehicle creates, and enjoy the freedom that I have to customize it, rightfully so, considering I paid quite a large sum of money for it. Taking away this freedom from the populace would only serve to anger a very large community, but also make a hobby that so many of us enjoy that much more difficult to enjoy than it already is on an island. There is not a track (at least on Oahu), and there is no strip, for which those with a vehicular based hobby to enjoy said hobby. This makes it quite difficult to find enjoyment in acceptable ways, besides reasonably increasing the volume of our vehicle to further enjoy it while driving. Lastly, putting such an invasive legislation into place I believe would place an enormous financial burden on a large quantity of citizens as well due to the cost of living already being astronomically high. Thank you for your consideration.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:47:41 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Logan saiki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The State of Hawaii should not impose this new law. Exhaust systems vary drastically between vehicles. In the state of California, a driver was issued a excessive ticket for their loud unmodified exhaust. The driver was forced back to their dealership to have the stock option removed from the car, which the dealer could not do, rendering the car useless. This new law does serve any purpose other then to gain more useless control on the people of this state.



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jovine barbasa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I jovine barbasa oppose to this. Speaking on behalf of my self and fellow car enthusiasts having a "loud muffler" isn't an issue let alone actually brings joy to the driver on their daily commute. Regardless of noise having a "loud exhaust" isn't always the owner of the vehicles fault. Some cars are loud either the car being a faster or heavier car, and mjority of car modifications is usually changing the exhaust first to actually better the cars performance and long gevity, having a hobby in car modifications is what a lot of people like to do regardless how bad the roads on in Hawaii. Being able to buy and car, change it to your liking to call it your own and having something to be proud while spending a lot of money on it. Just like any other local who lives in Hawaii we love and take care of our belongings because living in Hawaii is already hard enough, being ticketed for "loud mufflers" would just be not right. Being one of the few whom been ticketed for a "loud muffler" late at night assumed of speeding just because the car is loud was not right. Having the fear of let alone driving a car at night knowing I'm gonna be targeted from modifications on the vehicle makes me drive the car less and less and it's sad. My dream car being kept away from the streets while having to use another car for daily commute while still paying for the maintenance for both vehicles. Like I said we as a Hawaii car community we work hard for our things, to think people only have one car, or just like my teenage self spending all my money on something that makes me happy. In conclusion I don't believe cars with "loud mufflers" should be targeted and a probable cause for a stop. Mahalo Jovine Barbasa

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:57:43 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Parker Dane Yanagida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Shouldn't raise the fines for muffler

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:09:41 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benjie asuncion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oh behaft of the car community, I strongly believe that this bill should not be passed for the sake of our cars. I firmly believe that loud muffler are not the problem. We have bigger issues other that having a noisy mufflers, we respect the road and the location we go and most people don't get bothered by us and we out here just wanna have fun do what we love and same time we drive with respect for other drivers and drive safe for our own safety aswell mahalo

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:32:59 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

If this law gets past, the purpose would be to violate individual's right to express themselves. If a vehicle is loud, how does it affect other individuals? It does not cause harm, it might be seen as annoying to others but it does not threaten anyone. The purpose of having a car sound louder or deeper is to express one's self in their vehicle and to make themselves feel good.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronohk Kmk	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, I will be speaking on behalf of bill SB587 I personally dont agree with this and I dont think this should become a law. Reson being I dont think this is a big problem where as big work trucks and many other trucks are just as loud as some of these cars with the modified ones. The people having problems with sleepless nights and noise pollution, I fully understand these people trying to have peace but I dont see how they dont get mad at the louder unmodified vehicles.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:47:02 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Hortizuela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose bill SB 587 as this bill will hurt many people who lack financial resources and people who maintain their cars.

This bill will hurt those who lack financial resouces and the lower class as SB587 will raise the penalty fines. This does nothing but put people at a financial loss. There are people out there driving with essentially a straight piped exhaust system because of catalytic converter theft! Why further punish people who are victims of a crime!

SB 587 will also hurt those who simply are trying to maintain their vehicle. As we all know, we are surrounded by salt water! This leads to many vehicles suffering from the affects of rust. One of the affects are exhaust pipes falling apart due to rust! And those who maintain their vehicle may need a less restrictive exhaust aswell. There are many aftermarket exhaust systems that are cheap and effective with the only byproduct of it being "noisy". With noisy being a subjective term. Some people may not be in the financial position to purchase a OEM exhaust that isn't quite as "noisy" as an aftermarket exhaust.

Signed, Justin, Hortizuela from Ewa Beach.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:49:31 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shanden Matsushima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is the lifestyle I've been raised in. Noisy mufflers do no harm to anyone and does not pose any dangers to the public. We need to stop letting people who move her from California to regulate our state! Muffler upgrades have always been a thing in Hawaii for years and years and never became a problem to anyone until more out of state people moved in to here! I object to SB587 and I personally think this bill should not pass!!

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:59:02 AM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chaz Cazimero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb587. I want everyone to have expressive freedoms of whatever they own and this would take that away.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:04:15 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reimar Soriano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Whether a car has a modified exhaust or a stock exhaust (one that comes with the car from factory) will not stop or even slow down the use of loud exhaust. Higher end cars from factory have louder than normal exhaust especially when they have different driving modes such as Comfort, Sports, and some even having a Race Mode which can adjust the sounds of the exhaust. When cars speed (within the speed limits) it's natural that some of them even let off more sound than normally due to reaching higher rpm level causing higher output of sound. Given it is understandable that noises from an exhaust can be an "annoyance" at times it does not drastically impairs or destroy somebodies hearing unless they are extremely close. Complaints from the housing area near H1 is given, they are living next to a path that is constantly used. Noises from the highway will always be an issue no matter if this bill gets passed. Also, what about people who have their catalytic converters removed and stolen? Some cannot afford to repair and replace the issue cause some can be in the high hundred to thousands of dollars to repair. Why waste man power on little complaints of other instead of using man power to reduce other real criminal activity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
S L	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the car community, I strongly beleive this bill should not be passed for the sale of our cars. I firmly believe our mufflers are not the problem. There are much bigger issues in this state than noisy mufflers. The police officers and government officials have bigger issues that they should be focusing on rather than a noise complaint. This will be a waste of police resources and time just so that the state can make money off of car enthusiasts.

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:29:16 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher De La Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's basic freedom. More rights are being stripped every year. Things we are allowed and not allowed to modify on things we have purchased

<u>SB-587</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:44:42 PM Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

It is ridiculous to keep punishing the car community when there are hundreds of other issues the state could be focusing on. The state should be focusing on aleviating homelessness or lessening the number of accidents on the roads during rush hours, but instead they are worried about loud exhausts? There obviously is a demand for people who are passionate about cars that the state is brushing under the rug. There was supposed to be a runway track for the car community and that got cancelled. A safe space for car lovers to carry out our hobbies but instead the state wants to demonize it. The fact that the car community can't even modify our cars the way we want is insane. It's not hurting anybody nor is it costing the state anything. We abide by all the tint, safety check, registration, etc rules. There should be a limit for what the state can and cannot enforce and this draws the line. Make it make sense.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Hahn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in opposition of this bill. This bill would hurt the car community that is within hawaii. Please do not think of the vocal minority or bad apples that are within every group. The majority are respectful and wish to have fun with the cars that help express ourselves and grow friendships over.

please do pass something that would hurt this caring community.

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

Comments:

I oppose SB587. Why are you all focused on this and not the real problems that face the citizen of this beautiful state? When I look down the list of state bills being considered its a list of smaller problems and nothing adressing the larger problems like affordable housing, affordable medical coverage/care, homelessness, quality jobs. If people want to modify their car let them, assuming it doesnt harm anyone else. This is government overreach! When the state focuses on stuff like this instead of the big problems it makes people who support you want to have you replaced and find someone who will deal with the real problems. Let people enjoy their cars!

Ryan Christopher

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello I come today and testify against SB587. I would like to start off with motorcycles being the number one main subject. Motorcycles on island have been in so many accidents due to drivers with vehicles. One of the main reasons are to the bike community being hard to see on two wheels. A muffler louder then stock helps other drivers around you be known that a motorcycle is next to them and to be cautious. With a quiet exhuast/muffler system, no driver would be able to see you around or even be known of your presences. It's not bad having a muffler that slightly louder that can easily save your life. There always different point of views and I hope I can keep my muffler to live a longer life. There is a reason the manufactures and car/ motorcycle factories makes louder mufflers as "oem". They are not meant to be taken out. I also spend my hardworking money on buying it so why would anyone take that away from me.Thank you.

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

Comments:

As a car enthusiast, this is really upsetting to hear that we are not able to have any sound to our motor vehicles. It is simply a sound and yes that can get a bit loud but for it to have ANY sound could be illegal? There are many things to pull people over for and this is getting ridiculous. I get that many dumb people out there are getting into accidents and are drag racing but what about the people who are safetly taking pride of their own vehicle that we pay many money for. A lot of people that are not apart of the car community will not understand that you are planning to take away something we take love for. There are cars driving around with safety checks/registration backed up for years but you'd rather pull someone else over for an "abnoxious sounding vehicle".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hansen Beltran	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support the SB587. Modifying cars and exhaust systems is a hobby and joy to a lot of people in the car enthusiast world.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leighton J Asuncion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill sb587 due to the fact that regulating exhaust noise level has little to no positive impact on issues that actually are important such as safety of motorist and pedestrians. If anything it actually helps the safety of motorist and pedestrians due to the fact that exhaust tone keeps other motorist and pedestrians aware of your presence. Especially if you are a motorcyclist a louder exhaust definitely let's other motorist know you are there reducing the chance of them running into you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Godoy	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the car community, I strongly believe that this bill should not be passed for the sake of our cars. I firmly believe that our noisy mufflers are not the problem. We have bigger issues other than having noisy mufflers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
alex nagamine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Those who make their car louder may commonly cite improved performance as their motivation. Removing a muffler can very slightly increase a vehicle's horsepower by allowing greater levels of exhaust fumes to leave the engine in a free-flow style. The sound of certain exhausts have people in awe. Hearing the sound of the car driving around just puts smiles on peoples faces. Kids love hearing it as well. Everytime i pass a kid and they say "mom look! that cars cool!" in a parking lot I just rev it a little and it makes them smile and me smile as well. We are not trying to cause a destructive noises with our cars. We are just living out our dreams please don't take that away from us.

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

Comments:

I believe that loud car exhaust systems should not become a violation of the law. Many vehicles nowadays have loud exhaust systems from the factory. If these vehicles were to be in violation of the law, it would then decrease sales for those companies and businesses, all because of a single law. I also believe that loud exhaust systems, along with modified cars, are part of a culture that has been going on for years and is coming to a new era.

Although there are people who are disrespectful to public peace regarding noise levels, the majority of the people are respectful. You can never take noise away from somewhere, whether it is natural or artificial