
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A COMMUNITY NOISE WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS POLICIES AND LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO NOISE SOURCES AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, noise pollution is a public health hazard that
2 continues to negatively affect residents of the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, the most common health problems caused by noise
5 pollution are noise-induced hearing loss, high blood pressure,
6 heart disease, sleep disturbances, and stress; and
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8 WHEREAS, concerts or events held at private venues in
9 primarily residential areas cause higher levels of noise
10 pollution that are not typical of those areas; and
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12 WHEREAS, concerts or events held at private venues are not
13 currently subject to permitting requirements; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
17 that the Department of Health is requested to convene a
18 Community Noise Working Group to discuss policies and
19 legislation with respect to noise sources affecting the
20 community; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
23 to include the following members:
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25 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,
26 who is requested to serve as Chair of the Working
27 Group;
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29 (2) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
30 President of the Senate;
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- 1 (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
- 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 3 Representatives;
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- 5 (4) A member from the Honolulu City Council;
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- 7 (5) A representative from the Department of the Attorney
- 8 General;
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- 10 (6) A representative from the Department of Law
- 11 Enforcement;
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- 13 (7) A representative from the Honolulu Police Department;
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- 15 (8) A representative from the Office of the Public
- 16 Defender;
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- 18 (9) A representative from the Department of the
- 19 Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of
- 20 Honolulu; and
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- 22 (10) A noise expert knowledgeable in measuring noise
- 23 emitted from concerts and events and assessing,
- 24 understanding, and mitigating the effects of noise
- 25 pollution, to be invited to participate by the Chair
- 26 of the Working Group; and
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- 28 (11) Any other individual deemed appropriate by the Working
- 29 Group, to be invited to participate by the Chair of
- 30 the Working Group;
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Noise Working
 33 Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 36 the Regular Session of 2027; and

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 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 39 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, President
 40 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Attorney
 41 General, Director of Law Enforcement, State Public Defender,
 42 Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Chief of Police of the



- 1 Honolulu Police Department, and Prosecuting Attorney of the City
- 2 and County of Honolulu.

