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**HB1588, HD1  
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly support House Bill 1588, House Draft 1, relating to the establishment of a noise detection camera program for noise control law enforcement.

This bill proposes to establish a Noise Detection Camera Program within the Department of Transportation to install noise detection traffic cameras in urban areas to address excessive traffic noise. It also mandates collaboration with the Department of Health and counties for enforcement and requires an annual report to the legislature.

The DOT strongly supports this initiative as it aligns with our ongoing efforts to address noise pollution and enhance public safety on our roadways. Our department has been actively involved in piloting traffic noise detection camera technology, which has shown promise in providing evidence for law enforcement to take action against vehicles emitting excessive noise.

The proposed program will significantly enhance our ability to enforce noise control laws, particularly in high-density urban areas where excessive vehicle noise is a persistent issue. By utilizing advanced sound meters and cameras, we can objectively measure and document instances of noise violations, providing concrete evidence for enforcement actions.

Furthermore, this program will complement and strengthen existing efforts to combat noise pollution from vehicles with modified mufflers. It will provide an additional tool for law enforcement to conduct examinations and inspections of motor vehicle mufflers, particularly in high-density areas where noise pollution is most impactful.

The DOT believes that this initiative will not only improve the quality of life for residents in urban areas but also contribute to overall road safety by discouraging dangerous modifications to vehicle exhaust systems. The required collaboration with the Department of Health and counties will ensure a comprehensive and coordinated approach to noise control enforcement.

The annual reporting requirement will allow for ongoing assessment and improvement of the program, ensuring its effectiveness and accountability to the legislature and the public.

The DOT request an appropriation of \$3.50 million dollars to establish a permanent noise detection camera program. Funds will used to for staff labor and hiring a consultant to develop and implement the new program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on  
FINANCE

Thursday, March 5, 2026. 2:00pm

By  
Rick Egged, President  
Waikīkī Improvement Association

**HB1588 HD1- RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Chair: Todd, Vice Chair: Takenouchi and members of the committee:

**The Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association (WBSIDA) supports HB1588 HD1.** HB1588 HD1 Establishes the noise detection camera program in the Department of Transportation for the installation of noise detection cameras for the enforcement of noise control laws. This measure will result in lower nuisance noise levels in the Waikīkī special district and reduce unnecessarily loud noise in the Waikīkī special district thus improving the quality of life for residents and greatly improve the visitor experience.

The WBSIDA recognizes the significant impact of excessive traffic and intentionally loud noise on public health and quality of life, particularly in densely populated urban areas. The proposed Noise Detection Camera Program aligns with our ongoing efforts to address noise pollution and enhance the overall quality of Waikīkī.

The WBSIDA supports the intent of HB1588 HD1 and looks forward to continued discussion on the details. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

## Testimony in Support of HB 1588

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

The Waikiki Business Improvement District (WBID) supports HB1588 HD1, which establishes a Noise Detection Camera Program within the Department of Transportation to help enforce existing noise control laws.

Waikiki is Hawaii's premier visitor destination and a vital economic engine for the State. Millions of visitors stay in our hotels each year and expect a safe, clean, and comfortable environment. Unfortunately, excessive vehicle noise—particularly from modified exhaust systems, racing vehicles, and motorcycles—has become an increasing quality-of-life concern for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Excessive vehicle noise late at night can significantly disrupt hotel guests, residents living in mixed-use buildings, and employees working overnight shifts. In a visitor district such as Waikiki, noise disturbances can directly impact the visitor experience and the reputation of Hawai'i as a world-class destination.

HB1588 HD1 offers a practical, modern solution by allowing the Department of Transportation to deploy noise detection cameras to identify and enforce violations of existing noise pollution laws in urban areas. These systems have been successfully piloted in other major cities and provide an objective, technology-based approach to enforcement while reducing the burden on already limited law enforcement resources.

From the perspective of the Waikiki Business Improvement District, improving nighttime noise conditions will:

- Enhance the visitor experience and protect Hawaii's reputation as a world-class destination
- Improve quality of life for residents living in and around Waikiki
- Provide a fair and consistent enforcement mechanism for excessive vehicle noise
- Support existing state and county noise control laws through modern technology

As a district that hosts millions of visitors annually and serves as the economic heart of Hawaii's tourism industry, Waikiki is particularly sensitive to issues that affect resident and visitor comfort and public perception. Addressing excessive vehicle noise will help ensure that Waikiki remains welcoming, safe, and enjoyable for both residents and visitors.

Mahalo,



Trevor Abarzua  
President  
Waikiki Business Improvement District



**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/3/2026 2:38:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support w/comment TO INCLUDE RURAL COMMUNITIES.

1588 HB RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/3/2026 4:29:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rick Ramirez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Comittee Chir, Vice Chair, and committee members

Thank yuo fro taking time to hear this bill. I am writing in full support of thid measure. Noise pollution is particularly harmful to hums, animals, and surrounding structues that can often cause extreme reactions by persons encountering loud noises. These can include reactions related to PTSD, autims, and other neurdivergent issues. I recommen the passage of this bill in order to protect Hawaii and the persons and creatures that live within our islands!

Mahalo

Dr. Rick Ramirez

DNP, APRN, AGACNPBC, FNPBC, ENPC

**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/4/2026 2:20:15 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 5, 2026

TO: House Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Support for HB1588 – Relating to Noise Detection Cameras

Aloha Chair Todd and members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing in support of HB1588, which establishes a noise detection camera program within the Department of Transportation. Excessive traffic noise can be more than a nuisance, at times impacting the quality of life in our urban communities. Chronic traffic noise has been linked to increased stress, sleep disruption, and cardiovascular problems in numerous studies.

Traditional noise enforcement is challenging and dangerous for personnel. Automated cameras enable 24-hour monitoring of "hot spots" without diverting police resources away from more important duties.

The proposed collaboration between the DOT, DOH, and counties in this bill creates a comprehensive framework to address this issue comprehensively.

I respectfully urge the Finance Committee to pass HB1588. Mahalo.

**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/4/2026 6:45:03 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Childress	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this

**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/4/2026 4:00:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle Vidal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HB1588. As a resident of Waikiki, excessive vehicle noise has been a growing issue. This bill aims to increase the quality of life for residents and their pets.

I respectfully urge the passing of HB1588.

**HB-1588-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/4/2026 5:34:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/5/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cassandra L Pinnick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help stop unnecessary noise in our Waikiki neighborhood. Excessive noise is evident throughout the neighborhood, but I am most concerned to stop the same in the areas following: 1) mid- to -late evening noise in the Zoo parking lot; 2) early morning, 5-8a, excessive vehicular noise begin Kapahulu and Ala Wai, and continuing along Ala Wai. In addition, I wish to take this opportunity to state that the siren decible from emergency vehicles along Ala Wai is excessive and unnecessary.