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Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

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

Comments:

Banging several times for each and every container.

Noise that sounds like a bomb going off, and carries for blocks.

Roaring wheezing engines that sound like they haven't had a tuneup in a decade.

Engines revving just to go 20 feet.

And of course: beep beep beep beep beep beep...

All in the wee hours of the morning - - night after night.

Noise pollution is not just a quality-of-life issue, but it is known as the "not-so-silent killer".

If lawmakers truly cared about the health and well-being of residents, and even the millions of visitors, they will pass SB2591 - - not just for those in Waikiki, but for the entire state.

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

Comments:

There are noise ordinances and House Rules for many reasons. They restrict loud noise from the evening through morning hours. Cities and towns have them. Condo and apartment buildings have them.

Then why are private company garbage trucks allowed to bang out the LOUDEST of noises and awaken hundreds of thousands of people in Hawaii each and every night?

Lawmakers who live in quieter rural areas have no idea how disturbing and disruptive the noise is. Garbage trucks destroy peaceful sleep and take a progressive toll on a person's health and well-being.

Will the lawmakers who enjoy a full, garbage-truck-free night's sleep please be understanding and sympathetic to residents and visitors affected by this noise, and kindly pass this bill?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradley Patenaude	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this action! It is very common to be woken at 3, 4 or 5am with the beeping and banging of trash collections in Waikiki. I support a measure to restrict the hours of collection!

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 3:05:40 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and greatly appreciate the efforts of Senator Moriwaki to bring it to the attention of the State Legislature. I am the Vice Chair of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board and have been a member of the Board for @ 25 years. Quite a while ago, in response to numerous complaints, our Board passed a Resolution substantially seeking the same goals as this Bill. Despite that, no action has been taken to adjust the schedule or alleviate the problem. Refuse haulers have refused to comply. The City Council has failed to take any action. The Mayor's Office has attempted to assist but while those efforts are appreciated they have not been successful. In the meantime, we continue to receive complaints from constituents who are awakened in the middle of the night. We believe their complaints are valid and that it is unacceptable to expect residents to live this way. For that reason we very much hope that the Legislature will step in and correct this situation.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:00:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Marker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members:

I'm testifying in support of SB2591 SD1 that will limit the hours for private trash collection. This is an important public health measure for our well-being and quality-of-life. Chronic sleep loss caused by loud noises is harmful to our health.

Clearly, you'll hear from Waikiki residents. It's important that you know that this is happening in more neighborhoods. I live in Moiliili on an entirely residential street where we have a mix of condos contracting with private trash collection and small homes and apartment buildings that are served by our City and County. We have NO businesses on these streets. For many years, the private trash collection wakes me, most notably on Sundays, typically at 5:20 am or earlier. Yes, Sundays! It's from the collection for the condo next door but the trucks park and load closer to mine, essentially below my lanai. Actually, this is a common practice for all private collections, to park where it's easy to pull over and drive the small truck to and from the large truck, all with loud mechanical and beeping noises. I've seen private collections on Sundays as early as 3:45 am -- a Super Bowl Sunday. Yes, I've tried all kinds of communications: spoken with my Councilmember's office; talked with the operations person at the private company; and, tried to speak with management of the one condo. Nothing has worked. The nearest businesses are blocks away, on streets like University Ave. and South King St. Truthfully, with so many mixed-use Oahu neighborhoods we're having many trash collections at all hours and days. During our COVID stay-at-home period, I counted 15 trash collections (private and City and County combined) a week on my street, but thankfully most were after 6am. Still, I couldn't hear to do work-from-home or even think clearly while the pickups were in progress. I was very happy to return to my work site where it was quiet. Consider this: H-Power doesn't open until 6:30am so there's no reason for trash pickup on Sundays (little traffic) to begin so early.

The amendment to SB2591 is to have a pilot for only Waikiki. This would test what is possible for an urban neighborhood like Waikiki that experiences multiple nighttime collections due to proximity to businesses. Other neighborhoods without business collections wouldn't receive noise relief in the near term yet would welcome what it could offer after the two years if the pilot works well for Waikiki.

I ask for consideration for our residents and their health and well being. I can't help but worry about babies, people who are ill, and shift workers. I simply don't know how people live like this.

Urban living in Honolulu is stressful enough without extra early morning noise; we need our rest and some peace and quiet. I respectfully urge you to pass this bill to protect both physical and mental well being of our residents.

Sincerely

Nancy Marker

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:13:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CATHERINA GAINES	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB2591.

Our family has lived in Hawaii for over five decades with the last 10+ years in Waikiki. We understand that living in an urban environment comes with sounds/noise, people, and events. This is why we chose to make Waikiki our home/neighborhood.

However, the choice by the private refuse companies to conduct daily pick-ups in primarily residentially zoned neighborhoods in Waikiki in the early morning hours of 2:00am - 6:00am is not acceptable. The noise from trucks beeping, dropping bins, emptying bins into large garbage trucks, and garbage being compacted before sunrise is not tolerated in any other residential zoned neighborhood on the island and Waikiki residents would like the same consideration.

Additionally large refuse bins left unattended on streets can regularly be seen blocking egress on streets and obstructing crosswalks.. I have seen large yellow refuse bins left along Aloha Drive and Royal Hawaiian Ave along Centennial Park which is the primary route the Kapahulu Fire Department uses to access Central Waikiki. These yellow bins can be seen blocking crosswalks or placed in areas making it difficult emergency vehicles and other larger vehicles to make turns and move through smoothly.

Please support SB2591 and help bring some relief to the residents living in Waikiki.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2026 11:43:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bob Sisson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please stop the early trash pick up. It affects mental and physical health. It is just unacceptable.
Please stop it.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2026 12:12:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Too bad this is only a pilot program. It should at least be island wide. I live on the outskirts of Chinatown, and we have these noise makers rumbling at all hours. I live in a high rise, and sound rises. As we have to hire a trash company to remove our trash, we can at least control some of the noise. Our contract prohibits pickups before 8 am. Every other property that hires private trash haulers should do the same. And, you could amend this bill to cover all areas with high rises.

Lynne Matusow

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Submitted on: 3/18/2026 10:09:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Chin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kevin Chin, and I am a Waikīkī resident submitting testimony in strong support of SB2591.

I previously submitted testimony to both the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee and respectfully reiterate my support here. For the sake of brevity, I would ask that the Committee refer to my prior submissions for a more detailed account of the issue, its impacts, and the extensive efforts undertaken by residents to seek resolution through existing channels.

At this stage, my primary concern is ensuring that SB2591 has the strongest possible path toward successful passage and implementation.

I understand that the bill has undergone amendments during prior hearings, including narrowing its scope. While I recognize that such changes are part of the legislative process, I respectfully urge the Committee to carefully consider whether any limitation in scope could unintentionally reduce broader support or affect the bill’s likelihood of becoming law. My interest is not in a particular version of the bill, but in ensuring that meaningful and enforceable protections are ultimately enacted. I support whichever form of SB2591 provides the most realistic path toward passage.

This issue has been extensively documented and consistently raised by residents over a prolonged period of time. Collectively, the community has engaged in outreach, provided testimony, attended meetings and town halls, and supplied detailed information in good faith. Despite these sustained efforts, meaningful change has not materialized, and the underlying issue persists.

SB2591 represents an important opportunity to move from continued discussion to enforceable action. When a problem has been clearly identified and repeatedly communicated, legislative action becomes not only appropriate, but necessary.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support SB2591 and to advance a version of the bill that has the strongest likelihood of passage and meaningful implementation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2591 SD1

Committee on Health (HLT)

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 329
& Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

From: Gregory Misakian (as an individual)

Submitted: 3/19/26

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the HLT Committee,

I am in strong support of SB2591 SD1, which should already be established law in Hawaii.

My Background

I currently serve as:

- ❖ President, Kokua Council
- ❖ Vice President, Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA)
- ❖ Director, Keoni Ana AOA
- ❖ Member, Good Government Caucus
- ❖ Member, Kupuna Caucus

I previously served on the Waikiki Neighborhood Board from Jan. 2023 to June 2025.

I am a kupuna focused advocate in Hawaii and I also advocate for all who need assistance and need help to get their voices heard.

The negative health impacts due to lack of sleep are well documented. Chronic lack of sleep caused by excessive environmental noise is known to be linked to an increased risk of dementia and Alzheimer's. Lack of proper sleep also results in increased stress and reduced cognitive abilities.

Is this what we want for our kupuna who we cherish, or our keiki who should start their days at school with a good night's sleep? If you answered no to that two part question your vote should be clear.

I also have personal experience with this issue. For as long as I have lived in Waikiki, early trash pickup has been a daily occurrence waking me up often and for long periods of time, and I have personally had enough as have many others.

The Mayor's Office also recognized the concerns raised often and by many, and held a Town Hall last year to discuss, but the Town Hall was not properly noticed, nor allowed the many there to all speak. The Mayor's Office chose to allow his Managing Director and others to use most of the time trying to persuade the public that it's best to pick up trash very early in the morning. There was no representative from the Department of Health (DOH) that I and others requested (and we were led to believe would be there). It's clear to me that the Mayor and his staff do not want to address the serious health impacts that affect many daily, and for long periods of time in the very early morning hours when they need to get a good night's rest.

This is not a difficult issue to resolve, and it is also an issue that many other big cities in the United States (and around the world) properly address for their communities, by regulating the time that trash pickup can begin, often with a 7:00 AM start time.

I hope that you will vote yes on SB2591 SD1, which will greatly help to improve the lives of those negatively impacted by very early morning trash pickup in Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Gregory Misakian

SB2591 SD1_RELATING TO NOISE.

Establishes a two-year pilot project to prohibit the operation of privately owned and operated refuse collection vehicles before 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. within 500 hundred feet of any area zoned for mixed-use or residential apartment use within the Waikiki area of the City and County of Honolulu. Effective 1/30/2050. Sunsets 6/30/2028. (SD1)

Submitted by: June Kaneshiro - in support of SB2591_SD1

Date: 3/19/2026

Aloha to the members of the House Committee on Health (HLT):

Waikiki is admittedly not a quiet place to live. As a resident, I understand that living in the vicinity of the primary tourist district in our state comes with noise of moving traffic, people shouting, emergency vehicle sirens going off at all hours of the day or night, vehicles (cars and motorcycles) with loud modified engines and/or stereos blaring from open windows... to name a few noisy things. On the other hand, I believe that there are a lot of positives to living near a place where Hawaiian royalty once lived and played in the surf. When I was a working professional, it was so easy to drive down Ala Moana Boulevard to get to work in downtown

What's not right about living in Waikiki are the private garbage collection trucks operating with loud, sleep-interrupting noise during the early morning hours. There is the loud, constant beeping/whirring from scout trucks driving in reverse with garbage dumpsters attached, sometimes for what it seems like the entire length of our street, and then the garbage trucks revving up and emptying the dumpsters into their compactors with repeated clanging noises. Take a moment to imagine the sleep deprivation at being awakened in the early a.m. hours by this noise, and the daily toll it takes on residents' health.

The State Department of Transportation is monitoring excessive automotive noise with noise detection cameras at several Waikiki intersections, and is now moving towards enforcement of noise control laws (reference HB1588_HD1). It would make good sense if the private garbage collectors are held to the same standards that private vehicle owners will be, and that they be prohibited from creating loud, excessive noise during the early morning hours (before 6:00a) on Waikiki streets.

Finally, it makes sense that garbage collection hours be standard within the City & County of Honolulu, starting no earlier than 6:00a, same as the start time for C&C garbage collection in other residential areas on Oahu.

Thank you for your concern for the health of Waikiki residents, and thank you in advance for passing SB2591_SD1.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 6:15:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Dickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Residents of Waikiki have been requesting this legislature repeatedly for YEARS. Flippant remarks by the HHS Committee Chair that "we have all been woken at 4 :00" are unrealistic, as the trash hauler noise is not a occasional occurrence, it is every night in every Waikiki neighborhood. Since The City and Country for Honolulu appears to bear no kuleana to protect the physical and mental safety of its residents, the state must step in and act.

The issues of interrupted/fragmented sleep on physical and mental health are many. Key components of interrupted sleep cause significant short- and long-term health consequences, according to The Cleveland Clinic. Key effects include cognitive impairment (poor memory, focus), moodiness, increased stress hormones, weakened immunity, and higher risks of cardiovascular disease, obesity, and diabetes.

Short-Term Effects of Interrupted Sleep:

- Cognitive & Mental Decline: Daytime sleepiness, fatigue, irritability, reduced concentration, and memory lapses.

- Physical Reaction: Increased stress hormones, elevated resting heart rate, and increased blood pressure.

- Safety Hazards: Slowed reaction times and reduced alertness, increasing the risk of car accidents or workplace injuries.Cleveland Clinic Health

Long-Term Health Consequences

- Cardiovascular Disease: Chronic sleep disruption is strongly linked to hypertension, high blood pressure, and increased risk of stroke.

- Metabolic & Immune Issues: Increased insulin resistance (leading to type 2 diabetes), obesity, and a weakened immune system that struggles to fight infections.

- Mental Health: Chronic, long-term sleep disruption can contribute to depression, anxiety, and severe mood changes.
- Brain Health: Potential associations with accelerated cognitive decline and neurodegenerative disease

The residents of Waikiki ask the state to protect residents of our immediate neighborhoods and large cities in Hawai'i. We ask the you to bring this to a vote, reversing the amendments proffered by the HHS Committee, which appears to have failed to review all the evidence available. In spite of the unique characteristics of the City and County of Honolulu, citizens deserve the right to a good night's sleep EVERY night. Please act in favor of the constituents who reside in Hawai'i.

thank you for your consideration,

Kate Dickson, Waikiki

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 7:03:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vesper Gaines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 2591

The early morning trash trucks are a disturbance to my everyday life for many reasons.

I attend 'Iolani School which gives us tons of homework and I get very limited sleep. The trash trucks not only disturb that amount of sleep I get, but they also disturb my mom's sleep. My mom does a lot for our family everyday and needs her sleep as well. When she doesn't sleep it makes her day harder and makes her very grumpy towards me.

These trash trucks are not only disturbing our personal lives but they also make our immune systems weaker. Due to the noise caused by the traffic trucks my sleep is interrupted and I am exhausted at school. Please fix this.

Thank you!

Vesper Gaines
Class of 2030
'Iolani School

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Testimony for HLT on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carlino Giampolo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do. Pass SB2591. All you need for this noble action is what you already possess: **your personal dignity**. No one, from newborn keiki to our most elderly kupuna, deserves to be suddenly awakened as early as 3:00 a.m. and sleep-deprived by the activities of private refuse haulers.

This issue is about a very simple choice: **Will you pass SB2591 to protect our communities, or will you protect the monetary interests of the Honolulu Disposal Service and West Oahu Aggregate owners?**

You already have access to ample information about the harmful health impacts of sleep deprivation from the State Department of Health and leading medical institutions throughout our country. It is abundantly clear to everyone: **There are no health benefits to sleep deprivation.**

Countless residents impacted by this issue, including myself, have already written in tens of thousands of words over the past few years, **debunking all of the objections** from private trash haulers and their supporters who want to keep the status quo. Do not be a victim of those who dominate, manipulate, or instill fear with such objections.

With the passage of SB2591, **all residents will be forever grateful for the protection of our communities' health**. I am confident that Governor Dr. Josh Green will highly commend the legislature for ending this way-too-early morning activity that never, ever should have begun in the first place.

Carlino Giampolo

Waikiki

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Submitted on: 3/20/2026 9:57:17 AM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sally Manglicmot	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No one should have to live like this is the sentiment of residents who are impacted by way-too-early morning trash pickup activities of private refuse haulers.

There is **no justification** for this disruptive noise to occur as early as 3 a.m. The private refuse haulers, Honolulu Disposal Service and West Oahu Aggregate, each have refused to hire an additional two workers in order to start their operation at 6 a.m. They have used baseless objections to keep the status quo.

I have personally experienced this tragedy for the past seven years and wonder why our political leadership doesn't **protect the health**, well-being and quality-of-life of individuals like me.

While at Honolulu airport in line to Kauai, I had small talk with another. He asked what part of town I live and I replied, "Waikiki." He immediately replied, "I don't know **how you can stand** that early morning trash pickup noise there!"

Please consider **doing the right thing**. Pass SB2591 SD1.

Thank you,

Sally Manglicmot

Waikiki