

**SB-2591-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2026 6:16:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Louis Erteschik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I testify in my individual capacity in support of 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: 2/25/2026 1:17:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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 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...**

**All in the wee hours of the morning; night after night after night.**

**Noise pollution is not just a quality-of-life issue, but it is known as the "not-so-silent killer". The disruption of sleep caused by the noise generated by garbage trucks is in fact increasing the death rate of hundreds of thousands of people throughout Hawaii.**

**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 Waikiki, but for the entire state.**



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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 1:24:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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 each and every night?**

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

**Will these lawmakers who enjoy a full night's sleep be understanding and sympathetic to residents and visitors affected by this noise, and kindly pass this bill?**

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 6:11:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY OPPOSE

2591 SB RELATING TO NOISE.

P/U REFUSE FROM WAIKIKI AFTER 6A.M. IS TOOOOOOOO LATE.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, RIDE A LONG W/DRIVERS

SHORTAGE OF CDL DRIVERS

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 6:43:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Francel Visini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2591 (SD1), which establishes a two-year pilot project to prohibit privately owned and operated refuse collection vehicles from operating before 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. within 500 feet of mixed-use or residential apartment zones in Waikīkī.

My family has lived in Waikīkī for the past four years. During that time, we have experienced repeated sleep disruption due to overnight trash collection. The noise is not occasional — it happens multiple nights each week. The sound of heavy trucks, hydraulic lifts, and dumpsters being emptied echoes between buildings and wakes us in the middle of the night.

Most concerning is the impact on my seven-year-old daughter. She is frequently awakened by the noise and struggles to fall back asleep. As a parent, it is terrible to see your child repeatedly deprived of restful sleep because of something that is preventable.

Waikīkī already experiences high levels of nighttime noise from emergency vehicle sirens from EMS, firefighters, and police. While those sounds are necessary for public safety, private refuse collection at 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. is not. Residents should not be subjected to avoidable industrial-level noise during sleeping hours.

The State of Hawai‘i has a kuleana to protect the health of its residents. This pilot program is a reasonable, balanced approach that allows the state to evaluate the impact of limiting overnight refuse operations in one of the most densely populated residential areas in the state.

This bill does not eliminate trash service. It simply sets reasonable hours in close proximity to where families live and sleep. That is not an extreme request, it is a matter of basic public health and quality of life.

For the sake of our children, our health, and our community, I respectfully urge you to pass SB 2591 (SD1).

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2026 9:36:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Dickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Residents of Waikiki have been requesting this legislature repeatedly for YEARS. Flippant remarks by the HS 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. The City and County for Honolulu feels no kuleana to protect the physical and mental safety of its residents, the state must step in and act. We have multiple times submitted testimony regarding the negative effects, both physically and mentally on residents. These issues actually make it a public safety issue:

Interrupted or fragmented sleep, a key component of sleep disorders like apnea or insomnia, causes significant short- and long-term health consequences, according to

[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.



Cleveland Clinic +2

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 Essentials +3

### 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 wish to protect our immediate neighborhoods and large cities in Hawai'i. We ask the JUD Committee 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.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 3:08:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Henry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Justin Henry, and I am an owner and full-time resident of the Waipuna, located at 469 Ena Road in Waikīkī. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in strong support of SB2591.

Each morning between approximately 3:30 and 4:00 a.m., Honolulu Disposal Service feeder trucks begin collecting dumpsters from buildings along and surrounding Ena Road. Over a dozen dumpsters are pulled from surrounding properties and lined up along the roadway, marking the beginning of a noisy, multi-hour process. Around 5am, the main garbage truck arrives to empty the dumpsters, generating additional noise from engines, hydraulic lifts, and repeated container handling. Once dumping is complete, the feeder truck returns and redistributes the dumpsters back to their respective buildings, taking another hour or so.

Throughout this process, the feeder truck operates in reverse at least 50% of the time, activating its backup alarm repeatedly. The beeping echoes throughout the neighborhood and continues for hours. What begins before 4:00 a.m. often does not conclude until 6:30 or even 7:00 a.m., nearly every day of the week.

The affected neighborhood includes numerous residential condominiums and major hotels, including the Waipuna, Allure Waikiki, The Kalēa, Wailana at Waikīkī, Canterbury Place, DoubleTree by Hilton Alana Waikiki, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Eaton Square, and Château Waikīkī. Thousands of residents and visitors are subjected to this daily disruption.

Our apartment is located on the 29th floor, yet nearly 300 feet above street level, the noise is unavoidable. We are forced to keep our windows closed and run air conditioning through the night. In addition, we rely on a white noise machine in an attempt to further mask the sound of the trucks. In a climate where natural ventilation should be a simple comfort, we instead incur higher utility costs and increased energy use simply to shield ourselves from preventable noise.

Despite raising these concerns directly with Honolulu Disposal Service, I have been told, in effect, that the disturbance is the community's problem rather than theirs to address. Other companies have adopted quieter backup alarm systems and scheduled daytime collection routes, demonstrating that mitigation is both feasible and reasonable. Unfortunately, those measures have not been voluntarily implemented here, and your help is needed.

This is not a minor inconvenience. Chronic sleep disruption has measurable impacts on health, productivity, and overall quality of life. Families, shift workers, kūpuna, and visitors seeking rest are all affected. The cumulative toll of daily pre-dawn noise, six or seven days a week, is significant and widespread.

SB2591 represents a balanced and reasonable solution. It would not eliminate garbage service, nor prevent companies from operating effectively. It would simply establish appropriate collection hours that respect the health and well-being of the community. The modest operational adjustments required of disposal companies are far outweighed by the substantial improvement in quality of life for thousands of residents and visitors in Waikīkī.

The collection time restriction should most definitely and specifically include noise from the feeder trucks, not just the main garbage truck.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to pass SB2591. This legislation would restore a measure of peace to our neighborhood and demonstrate a commitment to protecting both residents and Hawai'i's visitor experience.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Henry

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 11:20:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dan Malin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am urging the committee to please Pass SB2591. I have been a resident of Waikiki for over 11 years. The violent wake up at 2,3,4,5 am almost daily by the private trash companies has drastically effected my health. Being sleep deprived has effected my performance at work. I have difficulty thinking and remembering things. I am so fatigued throughout the day with low energy. This is effecting my heart health and I am worried for my future being 53. I am rereaching out becuase we have been ignored for years by current and past admistrations regarding this topic. We pay so much money to live here and we are being denied a basic right to being about to sleep. Please don't keep the status quo, the trash companies will have many excuses about why they need to keep things as they are. This is about our health and well being. Cities like Las Vegas and New Orleans have trash collection restriction hours and they are similair to waikiki being tourist destinations. If they can manage this then we can as well. Please pass SB2591 for our health and wellbeing. Thank you, Dan Malin

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2591 SD1

### Committee on Judiciary (JDC)

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
**TIME:** 10:15 AM  
**PLACE:** Conference Room 016  
& Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**From:** Gregory Misakian (as an individual)

**Submitted:** 3/1/26

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the JDC 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

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:20:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Chin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kevin Chin, and I am a Waikīkī resident submitting testimony in support of SB2591. I previously submitted testimony supporting this measure to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and respectfully reiterate that support here.

My primary concern at this stage is ensuring the bill has the strongest possible path toward ultimate passage.

I understand that the HHS Committee adopted an amendment limiting SB2591 to “Waikīkī only.” While I recognize that committees must balance many considerations when shaping legislation, I respectfully share a concern from a resident’s perspective.

I am not familiar with all legislative factors affecting whether a bill ultimately advances or stalls. However, it has been communicated to residents that narrowing the bill to a single geographic area could unintentionally jeopardize its passage by reframing a broader policy issue as a localized one. If retaining the “Waikīkī only” designation risks limiting support or affecting the bill’s likelihood of becoming law, I respectfully encourage consideration of restoring the broader language as originally introduced. My primary interest is ensuring that meaningful and enforceable protections are ultimately enacted, and I support whichever version provides the strongest realistic path toward passage.

The problem has been thoroughly documented, repeatedly acknowledged, and strongly supported by Waikīkī residents seeking relief. Yet meaningful operational change has not followed. Continued meetings and coordination without measurable results increasingly resemble delay rather than progress.

SB2591 represents a necessary shift from discussion to accountability. The issue is no longer whether the problem exists—it clearly does—but whether enforceable standards will finally be established to protect residents’ health and sleep.

For over a year, residents have participated in meetings, provided testimony, attended town halls, supplied information, and cooperated fully with every requested process. When sustained civic engagement produces no meaningful change, legislative action becomes not only appropriate but necessary.

SB2591 gives the Legislature an opportunity to demonstrate that persistent community engagement leads to real outcomes—not endless discussion—and that government responds when residents speak clearly and consistently.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:50:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, 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 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: 3/1/2026 12:55:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 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: 3/1/2026 1:31:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
carol bodnar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live in Waikiki neat the intersection of Ala Moana Blvd/ Kalia rd/ Ena Rd, It is quite noisy here all the time with many many sirens a day and normal traffic noise. The garbage trucks are the noisiest thing of all and come into the area early in the morning. The noise pollution in this area has gotten much worse over the years. The garbage trucks are usually here when it is otherwise tranquil and slightly quiet. I am awakened many mornings very early in the day with the clatter bang of dumpsters being dropped on the street and transported in and out of the buildings. Trucks are also beeping and grinding and mashing and also disturbing the peace early in the morning.

I strongly urge you to please pass this bill 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.

Thank you for reducing the noise decible level in our Waikiki neighborhood.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 1:59:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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

**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: 3/1/2026

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*Aloha to the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary (JDC):*

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 constantly moving traffic, people shouting, emergency vehicle sirens going off at all hours of the day, 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, sometimes as early as 3:00-3:30a. There is the loud, constant beeping 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 loud, repeated clanging noises. Take a moment to imagine what it's like to be awakened at such an early hour by a constant high-pitch beeping noise that doesn't seem to end. Also keep in mind that with the businesses and condos in our district, garbage collection is an almost daily business.

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 also 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 in advance for standing up for the residents of Waikiki and passing SB2591\_SD1 to establish the two-year pilot program.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 5:26:40 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Brimblecombe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a Waikīkī resident and strongly support SB2591.

Residents have been trying for several years (at least) to get relief from the noise and disruption of nighttime and early morning trash collection. Concerns have been brought to the Waikīkī Neighborhood Board and have been aired at several town hall forums. The trash hauling companies have been contacted directly. Lack of any progress has left residents frustrated and in some cases cynical about the prospects for change. All we have seen is what seem to be stalling efforts. It's clear that the trash hauling companies are not going to voluntarily adopt new practices. Therefore legislation is essential to protect the interests and well-being of residents. Passing SB2591 would help demonstrate that meaningful change can result from civic engagement.

SB2591 would address a real problem, for which residents currently have no remedy. Numerous cities (Richmond, VA, Los Angeles, CA, Newark,NJ, to name a few) across the US have banned overnight-early morning trash collection. Many of these ordinances were adopted in response to residents' complaints. Trash companies have stated that they cannot collect trash safely during the hours of 6am and 6pm. It really isn't a credible argument, as they do collect trash from many buildings during these hours and presumably do so safely (otherwise why are they doing it?). I worked in the field of waste management for 20+ years in large urban areas (for example London, UK, Hennepin County, MN). It certainly is possible to collect trash safely from narrow congested roads in older urban areas with high pedestrian footfall using similar or the same equipment as used in Honolulu.

I urge you to pass this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Caroline Brimblecombe

I support SB2591 and wholly support the efforts of Senator Moriwaki to bring this issue to the attention of the State Legislature. I am a resident of a high rise on Ena road on the West end of Waikiki. starting as early as 3:30 AM EVERY day a standard size pickup truck will bring 8 to 10 dumpsters along Ena as it is a straight road wide enough to accommodate the units. then a garbage truck will come a bit later to empty the dumpsters sometimes banging them to dislodge sticky trash items. then the pickup returns to take the dumpsters away. the whole process can take 30 minutes or more. it is not quiet and I have resorted to wearing ear plugs every night. this bill will go a long way to improve the quality of life in this dense neighborhood providing relief for many voters.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2026 9:43:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dharna Obermaier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee,

Mahalo Nui for addressing the noise pollution caused by garbage trucks constructively. Eliminating noise caused by trucks operating before 6am, and thereby promoting uninterrupted sleep for residents of all ages, is an important public health issue. I fully support this bill and hope you are able to pass this bill tomorrow.

Warm regards,

Dharna Obermaier

**LATE**

**SB-2591-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 5:40:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Gaines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my thoughts and opinions on this issue. I support the Bill for the 2 year proposal.

I serve on two boards for condominiums in the Aloha Dr/Royal Hawaiian area. This is an area that is 100% residential. Both boards receive numerous complaints regarding the noise that is made by the private refuse service that happens between 3:30 am and 6 am. Residents continuously ask what can be done.

I myself have been awakened more than 30 times in the last year by the noise of the rubbish trucks, and this is with windows closed and AC on (Which is not preferred, nor helpful for environment).

While I understand that the collection of the rubbish during this time is easier on traffic and allows the private contractors to spend less time on collection, this is truly a case of cost vs benefits. I am not trying to jeopardize anyone's business or anyone's ability to make a living, I am asking them to "walk in our shoes" and consider doing something different. This is not an unreasonable request.

I genuinely believe the cost to the resident and tourist's well being does not outweigh the extra cost to the companies collecting the rubbish during the proposed 6 am to 6 pm time window.

One additional thing to consider, this corridor is also the primary corridor that is used by emergency services to reach the Makai hotels in this area, so the rubbish collection noise is in addition to this emergency services noise that must be tolerated by the residents of this area.

Lastly, for anyone that objects to this proposal, or believes that those of us that are supportive of this bill are overreacting, please supply me with your address and I will make this level of noise outside your windows multiple times per week between 3:30 am and 6 am, then we can have a rational conversation about this issue.

I am happy to speak or testify more on this issue if desired.

Respectfully,

Christopher Gaines

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Please stop this madness. It has disrupted our lives long enough.