

ACT 200

H.B. NO. 51

A Bill for an Act Relating to Noise.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is an increasing problem in the entire State of Hawaii. The legislature also finds that the proliferation of loud and unabated noises that have developed in conjunction with increasing urbanization in the state can lead to health problems such as stress and hypertension. For twenty-five years residents outside of Oahu have not had the benefit of a noise code. Now therefore, in order to ensure and maintain the tranquility that is part of the beauty of the Hawaiian islands, the legislature finds that it is necessary to adopt codes that will control noise.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a state community noise code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§342F- **Noise control.** By June 30, 1996, the department shall adopt a state community noise code pursuant to chapter 91, which recognizes differences in noise level standards in urban and non-urban areas of the State and noise level standards of each county. In the event of any conflict between this section and section 46-17, section 46-17 shall govern.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1995.

(Approved June 19, 1995.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.