

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1447

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1447 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce excessive noise produced by loud motor vehicles and mopeds by:

- (1) Establishing motor vehicle and moped noise restrictions, including for areas near any structure used for lodging;
- (2) Providing for increases in fines for a second, third, or subsequent violation of the noise restrictions; and
- (3) Providing for the seizure and impoundment of a motor vehicle or moped used in violation of the noise restrictions.

An individual testified in support of this bill. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) opposed this measure. The Judiciary and Hawaii Transportation Association submitted comments on this bill.

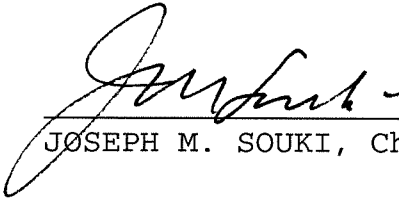
Overly excessive noise emitted from motor vehicles and mopeds is a nuisance and affects the quality of life for many residents, especially those living in densely populated areas such as Salt Lake, Waikiki, and Ala Moana on the island of Oahu. This is especially pronounced in the late evening and early morning hours.



Although your Committee understands the concerns raised by HPD that it lacks the equipment to enforce the specific decibel levels established in this measure, and that current ordinances and statutes appear to address this problem, the continuing number of complaints received regarding motor vehicle and moped noise necessitates further action and this measure deserves further consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1447 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1447		Date: 1.29.07		
Committee Referral: TRN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. EVANS, Cindy	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.				/
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	/			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	/			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose	/			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	/			
TOTAL	12			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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