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HB 64  
RELATING TO NOISE

Statement for  
House Committee on  
Health  
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HB 64 directs the Department of Health to adopt a state community noise code by June 30, 1992. This noise code is to specifically recognize differences in noise level standards between urban and rural areas of the State.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

HB 64 is identical to HB 2676 introduced in the 1990 legislative session and for which broad support was expressed at the hearings. More recently a somewhat related bill, HB 133, was introduced and a hearing was held on Wednesday, January 30, 1991. HB 133 focused on regulating sound amplification systems in motor vehicles. It is our understanding, based on the testimony on HB 133 and last years testimony on HB 2676, that the statutory ability to regulate noise is seriously lacking, particularly on the neighbor islands. HB 64 recognizes the differing needs for noise standards in rural and urban areas and would provide the necessary statutory basis for the Department of Health to establish noise level standards appropriate to the area.