

BILL 43 (2021)

Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 43
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Organization

Dear Governor Ige, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Tam, Mayor Blangiardi, City Council Chair Waters, Rick Egged (Waikiki Improvement Association) and Bob Finley (Waikiki Neighborhood Board),

I choose to live in Waikiki at the Governor Cleghorn located on Ka'iulani Ave between Kuhio Ave and Cleghorn Street with my wife and 10 year old son because I wanted to be in an area that is near the beach, close to restaurants & shopping, near my son's school (Jefferson Elementary) and within walking distance to public transportation.

Written Testimony The downside of living in this area has been the increasing noise level (over & above the normal background city noise) that my family& I have been experiencing more & more frequently.

Nearly every evening my family's sleep & quiet enjoyment is disturbed by the amplified sound systems coming from street performers & nearby clubs.

I am respectfully requesting that Bill 43 be enacted to address the amplified noise issue in the Waikiki area so that a balance can be maintained between the performers rights to their freedom of expression & the rights of the residents of Waikiki to quiet enjoyment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Yacubovich

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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony	Excessive noise in the tourist corridor of Waikiki does not benefit the tourist, retail establishment or general well-being of the public. Let’s show our residents and tourists some true aloha!
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Written Testimony

For the past 20 years I regularly walk into Waikiki afternoons and evenings and the noise level has become absolutely, painfully earsplitting. It is mostly coming from "entertainers" with electronic boom boxes on every block, trying to outdo each other but also live "music" coming from one restaurant in particular in the IMP. They've had several complaints. You cannot carry on a conversation at all. I have had to move friends from hotels on Kalakaua. Motorcycles and cars without mufflers racing the street don't help. It has to stop. Please pass this and get us back to some level of normalcy and enforce a noise ordinance.

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Written Testimony

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Dear Chair Cordero and Committee members,

Waikiki was a gathering place for families long before portable amplifiers were invented.

There is still a large and very diverse community of at least 25,000 long-term, full-time residents who live mauka of Kuhio who have come from all over O'ahu, the outer islands, various states, and many countries to make it their home. People move to Waikiki because it is an urban neighborhood with several dozen apartment and condo buildings - many of which have lodged residents for over 80 years. Portable amplifiers blasting noise that can be heard in the residential neighborhood is NOT a tradition and is NOT why people move to Waikiki.

Written Testimony In addition to being neighbors, the residents of Waikiki - as well as many jetlagged tourists - are a CAPTIVE AUDIENCE to the nonstop, highly amplified music and noise on Waikiki sidewalks. These people have rights, too. Attached please find a May, 2021 letter from the former condo board president of the Governor Cleghorn regarding the amplified noise from Kalakaua that affects the quality of life of residents mauka of Kuhio.

Residents have personally asked Kalakaua street performers to meet them halfway by suggesting ways to have a win-win situation to respect each other's rights. Residents asked a group at the corner of Kalakaua and Kaiulani to simply lower their volume, but that never happened. They suggested moving to another area so that the sound would not go up Kaiulani Ave, but they didn't do that. They later asked if the band would just kindly place their loudspeakers on the ground instead of several feet high on poles, or to turn the loudspeakers to project parallel to Kalakaua instead of toward the Apartment Precinct - but each suggestion was met with, "We know our rights!!!", even though the rights to freedom of expression were never in question in the first place. It was simply the residents begging for two-way understanding

and human compassion that was never realized.

Trying to solve the problem with personal contact and also calling HPD have been futile; therefore I STRONGLY SUPPORT Bill 43 CD1 TW1 which will legislatively impose a fair compromise between the performers' and residents' rights. Mahalo for your kind understanding and consideration to pass Bill 43.

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May 18, 2021

Dear Governor Ige, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Tam, Mayor Blangiardi, City Council Chair Waters, Rick Egged (Waikiki Improvement Association) and Bob Finley (Waikiki Neighborhood Board):

Residents in our Governor Cleghorn building located on Ka'iulani Ave between Kūhiō and Ala Wai Blvd have been subjected to highly amplified music from several street performers a few blocks away on Kalākaua Ave on almost a nightly basis for the past several weeks; most particularly Thursday through Sunday nights.

This was a problem before the pandemic, and we would like to address this now before even more street performers descend upon Kalākaua with their amplifiers as tourism returns. We do not believe that amplified music would be tolerated in any other commercial zone on the island, so why is it allowed in Waikiki? We ask that if there is currently no law against such amplification, that one be enacted. If there is a law, then we need it to be enforced because calls to HPD have not been effective.

While we have no objection to street performers or their freedom of speech and expression, the amplification of it has become a noise nuisance to us as residents trying to enjoy an evening at home in Waikiki's residential Apartment Precinct. Many residents in our building are forced to close all their windows to try to minimize the amplified sound in the distance. It is not a matter of whether or not the sound in the distance fails a decibel reading test from our lanais, but a quality of life issue and a matter of common courtesy and respect for residents and tourists alike.

Our building's residents are not alone. The nonstop noise on the sidewalks for several hours each evening would also be a nuisance to employees and jetlagged tourists at the Moana Surfrider, Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, and Princess Ka'iulani hotels, as well as to patrons and employees of the many shops and restaurants along Kalākaua.

We ask the Waikiki Neighborhood Board and the Waikiki Improvement Association to support us in asking our legislators to work together to quickly curtail this unnecessary source of noise nuisance. We thank everyone for your kind consideration.

Sincerely and on behalf of our entire Board and 90+ owners,



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Written Testimony	As a Waikiki resident, I am bothered by a lot of noise.
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Written Testimony

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Representing
Organization Self

I write in support of this bill as a Waikiki resident -- but the reason I support it might not be the reason you'd expect.

I support this bill not because I want quieter street performers, but because I want **better** street performers.

When you allow amplification, whoever can afford the loudest speakers draws the biggest crowds.

When we ban amplification, we go back to the roots of street performing -- anyone with an instrument can sit down and start playing.

Written If they have enough talent, they'll draw a crowd.

Testimony A single person playing a simple, pleasant melody on a ukulele has no chance of competing when someone is 10 feet away belting out tunes on a microphone, into a speaker blaring a karaoke track.

I support street performers. They bring energy and excitement every night to Waikiki. But there is no reason to use amplification on a 10 foot wide sidewalk -- unless you just want to compete by being louder than everyone else. Banning amplification will prune out the performers who are relying on technology rather than talent.

Banning amplification will also increase the number of opportunities for street performers, because more of them will be audible in a given amount of space.

Now to talk about the noise. I think Waikiki residents should expect a certain amount of

noise and the sounds from Kalakaua don't keep me up. But when I do go down there -- I have a small child and he loves the street performers -- I just don't want him to get permanent ear damage while watching them. Older relatives who come to Waikiki can't enjoy the music either, it doesn't come through well with their hearing devices.

In short - banning amplification will mean more street performers, better street performers, and that more people can enjoy the street performers. That's what I want to see.

I urge you to support this bill.

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Organization

Written Testimony As a senior with the beginnings of hearing loss, I want to hang onto what I still have. The overly amplified sounds from street performers continually bombards my sense of peace and rest. My husband and I decided to retire in this beautiful place but unfortunately the continual sound bombardment reeks havoc on us. Our deepest wish is to have an uninterrupted, good night's sleep.

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Written Testimony

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I FULLY SUPPORT Bill 43 because it will acknowledge mutual freedoms and rights.

I am an amateur musician and songwriter with many musician friends here in Hawaii and worldwide. I am not against showing one's talents on sidewalks - - but, why do most of the street performers on Kalakaua need loudspeakers amped up so high for an audience that is ONLY 5 FEET AWAY? If they blame it on traffic, then they should move to a quieter section of Kalakaua so they don't have to disturb residents and tired tourists with overly amped sounds.

Written Testimony Nowadays, practically every act on the street has its own portable ear-blasting amplified sound system that can be heard from streets away. It was never like that years ago when it was pleasant to stroll along Kalakaua to listen to the Hawaiian and Hapa Haole music that was usually played.

Attached is a Letter to the Editor that appeared in the Star Advertiser on 9/30/21. This visitor from Florida endured the "EARSPLITTING CIRCUS" for 9 days. My neighbors and I, all residents of Waikiki, have to endure it for 365 days a year - even those of us with double pane windows closed and with our TVs on higher than we'd like.

Waikiki residents have chosen to be urban dwellers and understand normal city noises. Sirens may interrupt a conversation, but they pass by within a minute. The amplified noise from Kalakaua is NONSTOP for HOURS every evening, and unmitigated noise is known to affect health and well-being. Please pass Bill 43.

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Organization

As a resident of Waikiki, I am aware that a certain level of city noise is going to be part of daily life.

Written Testimony Already having to listen to modified mufflers on automobiles and motor cycles, an absolutely avoidable source of unwanted noises, the amplified music by performers should be restricted to an acceptable level.

This bill is in my opinion a good compromise to respect the rights of performers, as well as the rights of citizens to live a healthy life.

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EDITORIAL | LETTERS

Letters: Culturally appropriate tourism welcomed; Restaurants need to help defeat coronavirus; No justice in releasing Reagan's would-be killer

Today • Updated 7:17 pm

Hooray for the new tourism plan so well summarized in Jayna Omaye's article, "[Culture and tourism](#)" ([Star-Advertiser, Sept. 26](#)). The new plan will attract a higher caliber of visitors by culturally appropriate and sensitive marketing before they arrive.

Once they are here, the new plan will better manage tourists through overdue best practices such as reservations, curated and authentic experiences, redistribution of excess demand, a tourism fee and better enforcement at hot spots.

With this plan, our tourism industry can be profitable again while our island paradise will be protected for kamaaina to enjoy. A special kudo should go to the Hawaii Tourism Authority for asking the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association for advice before deciding everything.

Maybe that kind of strategic, long-range thinking is what we should expect from our very first Native Hawaiian in the HTA driver's seat.

Jay Henderson

Ala Moana

Noisy Kalakaua Avenue mars visitor experience

As we concluded our nine-night stay at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, we were forced to wonder if all the hotels within earshot of Kalakaua Avenue are in collusion by not warning prospective visitors on their websites that the main street in paradise is really an earsplitting circus.

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We were never able to relax on our balcony in the evenings because of the cacophony of noise from amplified electric guitars, singing and deafening music, all along the sidewalk of Kalakaua Avenue. In fact, we brought the balcony table and chairs into our room on the 16th floor in order to have a seated conversation without shouting to hear each other.

Sleeping was yet another challenge. We are visiting from Florida, meaning a time difference of six hours. Recovering from our long flight to Hawaii never happened because of waking repeatedly to the sound of street performers every night.

We are aware of Hawaii's struggle with overtourism. Maybe this is a strategy to keep people from returning to Waikiki hotels?

Denise Landay

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Restaurants need to help defeat coronavirus

Your editorial, "[Don't falter in pandemic fight](#)" ([Star-Advertiser, Our View, Sept. 26](#)), reminded me of the Kailua restaurant owner whose business was shuttered for a single night recently because he chose to not check diners' vaccine cards.

This person then went on social media to publicly berate the customer who notified the Honolulu Liquor Commission. He abdicated any and all responsibility and accountability for choosing to break the law, potentially endangering all who dined at this restaurant.

No one is above the law. Wearing a mask and pulling out a vaccine card to enter a restaurant, theater or other place of business is not the way we would like to live out our days, but choices and actions we take today have consequences that affect our future.

We need "good public participation." We must work together to defeat COVID-19!

Don't people get this simple concept?

Jill Thach

Kailua

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Written Testimony

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Aloha,

I'm testifying in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 43. I've lived at the Governor Cleghorn on Kaiulani Avenue since 1972 and have seen many changes in Waikiki over the decades; some good, some very bad.

One of the worst changes in the last several years has become very stressful and disruptive on a nightly basis. Now almost every performing act on Kalakaua Avenue uses highly amplified sound as though they were performing for an audience in Aloha Stadium.

Written Testimony I miss watching the local street musicians who contributed to the Hawaiian sense of place when they gently played lovely non-amplified Hawaiian music as hula dancers would often interpret the words to the songs. The sound level of the types of acts today is so loud that we residents mauka of Kuhio are forced to hear it.

Please pass Bill 43 because the rights of residents trying to enjoy a peaceful evening at home without being a captive audience several blocks away should be as important as a street performer's right to speech and expression. That equity will not take place until an allowable decibel level is controlled and enforced.

Mahalo,
Mike O'Dwyer

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Written Testimony

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Please pass Bill 43. I have lived in the Governor Cleghorn on Kaiulani Avenue since 1993 and have always loved being part of the Waikiki community. Unfortunately, my residential community is being unfairly subjected to excessive volumes of unwanted noise caused by street performers using powerful amplifiers.

Kalakaua Avenue was not like that when we moved here, and no one can legitimately say that it is the residents' fault for living in Waikiki; that is like blaming the victims.

Written Testimony

One evening, for example, I was sitting in my living room (mauka of Kuhio) while on the phone with a friend and the performers on the corner of Kalakaua and Kaiulani Avenues started to play. The music from their 3 elevated loud speakers was so loud that my friend asked was all the racket was. We had to hang up because I couldn't hear her well from any of the rooms in my apartment.

It seems that the noise is getting louder as the weeks go on and they often play all evening, even till well past 10:30 PM. I have visited the HPD Waikiki substation three times to discuss this matter, and was always told they can't do anything to help. How can this be?

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Organization

For the past 30 years I have spent several months a year in the Apartment Precinct of Waikiki and have done so because I love the diversity of the area, how close it is to the beach, mass transit, and being able to patronize the various restaurants within walking distance.

Written Testimony

This past year has had the loudest street performers that I can remember in all those 30 years. It has been getting progressively disruptive over the last decade, but now that every performer has an unbelievably loud amplifier, it makes it uncomfortable to walk down Kalakaua, especially in the evenings.

The volume of their amplifiers is not only deafening when walking by, but the noise is even heard all the way to my rental apartment between Kuhio and the Ala Wai. It makes it difficult to watch television with my volume set at a reasonable level. I was warned by our resident manager to turn it down because it was too loud in the hallway.

I support Bill 43 because it will set decibel maximums for street performers which will be respectful of people in the neighborhood around them.

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Organization

I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 43 because Waikiki residents have rights, too.

I chose to live in Waikiki when I moved here in January 2021 to work because of the ease of mass transit and proximity to the beach so I could learn to surf. My residential building is several streets away from Kalakaua Avenue, and it and the buildings around me are filled with families, children, people who work in Waikiki and other parts of Honolulu, and retired senior citizens.

Written Testimony My job requires me to be at work at 6:00 am, so I must go to bed early. It is almost impossible to have a peaceful sleep start as early as I need in the evening because of the loud amplified music from the street entertainers on Kalakaua who come into my neighborhood every day and night.

I am forced to stay awake or to get up once they finally stop playing between 10 PM to 10:30 PM so that I may re-open my windows to have fresh air during the night. It is stressful and I am never refreshed in the morning.

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Aloha. Living in Waikiki is like living in the other big cities I've lived in except it is conveniently next to the beach. I am very familiar with big city noise. The loud music every night on Kalakaua between Kaiulani and Seaside is not normal city noise.

Visitors in nearby hotel rooms with children or elderly family members cannot possibly be happy with how loudly the street performers play right below them. Waikiki residents are also forced to hear the noise every night and all year round.

Written Testimony

The worst noise for me comes from the corner of Kalakaua and Kaiulani. The highly amplified sounds from the band with 3 raised speakers that plays 3 nights a week and the dancers who moved down to that corner on other nights, travels all the way up the street to the other side of Kuhio. Street performers on public sidewalks are playing for the audience right next to them on the sidewalk. Why do they need amplifiers?

No one is telling them to stop performing, but they need to keep the noise level down as a courtesy to residents several streets away. We are living in a residential section of Waikiki and residents should rights equal to those of the performers.

Please pass Bill 43.

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Written Testimony

I have lived in Waikiki since 1997 and it is becoming increasingly difficult with recent Protests from unions at an unreasonable hour of 6:00am with bull horns and drums. I think they can picket and talk but i should not hear them blocks away not inside my condo. With bullhorns and drums they are disturbing residents and guests who have a terrible experience and have paid to be left alone. Anyone has the right to protest but not interfere with my life. I also do not think i should have to listen to loud music If they want to play music that is fine but NOT amplified. I should be able to walk and talk and hear myself think. Protestor should NOT be allowed to use amplifiers or noise makers to disturb the peace. I was taught that your rights end at the tip of your nose and no one has the right to make you listen or smell anything just because they want to.

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Aloha, I reside in the Governor Cleghorn on Kaiulani Ave in Waikiki. I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 43, and I implore you to pass this bill because something must be done about the unacceptably loud noise produced by the street performers on Kalakaua Ave.

Written
Testimony

I think the performers are fun, interesting, clever and wonderful tourist attractions, but the level of sound they produce makes them IMPOSSIBLE for me to enjoy. It is even unbearable when driving down Kalakaua with the car windows closed. I am now avoiding many of the restaurants on Kalakaua with outside seating.

The amplified noise is loud enough to be a constant hours-long nightly disturbance, even for those of us who are residents MAUKA of Kuhio. I cannot begin to fathom how disturbing it must be for jetlagged tourists in any of the hotels on Kalakaua.

Although I have no objection to the entertainment itself, it needs to be understood that we are truly a mixed neighborhood and the entertainers are not being considerate with their noise level. I hope that the bill will pass into law so the current unacceptable situation will be fairly corrected with mutual respect on both sides. Thank you very much in advance.

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Written Testimony

Once again I am writing to support Bill 43 on Amplified Noise from street performers in Waikiki.

I live on Kaiulani Avenue just 2 blocks from Kalakaua Avenue. Every evening we are subject to street performers that set up on the corner of Kalakaua and Kaiulani with their amplifiers, and often times lighting etc...for a full concert. Some evenings the noise is so loud that it's near impossible to enjoy a quiet relaxing evening in our home. Couple it with the barrage of sirens and muscle cars that has become an ALL DAY NIGHTMARE in Waikiki, it's just really rather horrible. We do not have air conditioning , nor do we want it, so our windows and sliders stay open 24/7.

We do realize Waikiki is a resort area, but it is also a neighborhood where people live, work and relax. THis must be a consideration in passing this bill.

Thank you for the consideration.

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I partly own and manage a small apartment building on Koa Avenue located a block from Kalakaua Avenue.

Written Testimony The amplified music, drumming, etc coming from nearby street performers can be heard blocks away and has an adverse affect on the quality of life for those of us who live in Waikiki and those visiting here.

I strongly support Bill 43; and I hope that regulations will be established to insure that residents and our visitors can live and visit here in a peaceful environment. Please pass Bill 43.

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Written Testimony I don't want to have to listen to a full blast concert every night. The noise travels and ecoes all the way to us on 225 Kaiulani Avenue. I have difficulties to relax and sleep at night because of it. I live here and have to get up early for work.

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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

I strongly support Bill 43. Amplified street performer noise that can be heard inside my home mauka of Kuhio is impossible to block out when closing my windows, especially on weekends. It is disruptive to residents of my area.

Additionally, it is too loud and disruptive on the street level when attempting to enjoy a meal out. It makes us not want to dine out on Kalakaua so we will not be held captive to loud, unpleasant music.

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Written I support Bill 43 because the street performers are way too loud and disruptive at night. I
Testimony usually leave for work before 6:30 AM, and often don't return home till early or mid-
evening. The loud amplified noise can make it very difficult to relax, even in my apartment
several streets away.

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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

I am writing again on behalf of my elderly mother and myself as her caregiver in support of Bill 43. The noise from the performers on Kalakaua is disruptive to the sleep and well being of the elderly. With age and diminished thought processes come sun downers symptoms. It is difficult for seniors to distinguish between real and imagined during night hours. My mother is very often awakened by the street performer noise each evening, and it always leaves her agitated and unable to fall back to sleep right away. At this stage in her life, routine is vital. Interrupted sleep is not routine and scientifically not healthful. I'm sure that she is not the only one who is going through this, as there are many elderly people in our neighborhood.

The constant amplified noise in the evenings that blares for hours all the way over to our side of Waikiki also affects me, her caregiver. It makes me stressed and tired, and I worry that it will affect my ability to properly care for my mother. Please take this into consideration when making your decision about Bill 43, on behalf of the elderly and their family/caregivers. Thank you

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Written Testimony

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The noise and music coming from the street performers that are well over 2 blocks away causes stress, anxiety and disruption of my sleep. I cannot even retire early if I am very tired because it wakes me up and then keeps me up. Instead of looking forward to a good night's sleep I start stressing over the anticipation of the noise that will happen later that evening. I am forced to hear full concerts of unnecessarily loud noise for hours. It never used to be this bad. Years ago, only a couple of the street performers used amplifiers or some electronics to blast music. Now, they all do, and it is like they are all trying to outdo each other's volume. How can this be allowed to continue every night, week after week, month after month?

Written Testimony I understand how Waikiki is supported by tourism. But there needs to be some respect for those of us who live here and work here. I'm not complaining about very common urban noise. This is about the street performers with their amplifiers creating an unnecessary volume of noise that makes it seem like they are performing right in front of my building in the Apartment Precinct.

I would also like to address vehicles and motorcycles with modified exhaust systems and straight pipes that drive around our neighborhood streets like they are in a drag race. The sound that comes from these vehicles and bikes is so loud, I feel like they are driving on my lanai on the 11th floor, not to mention the vibration throughout my condo. This is our home, our sanctuary. Please do something about this. Mahalo

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HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

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March 18, 2022

The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
and Members of the City Council
Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Honolulu Hale
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **Bill 43**

Hearing: Monday, March 21, 2022, 9:00 am

Dear Chair and Members:

As the elected State Senator and State Representative of Waikiki, we testify in **strong support** of Bill 43 relating to amplified sound in Waikiki. As you know, Waikiki is a unique neighborhood in that residential apartments are located adjacent to resort and mixed-use areas attracting high pedestrian activity. It is commonplace for people to produce amplified sound from sidewalks for various reasons whether they are unauthorized street performers or people playing recorded music loudly.

Our offices receive regularly (almost daily) complaints of sidewalk noise generated from amplified noise (amongst other noise). The excessive noise disturbs the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. While we have been working with the Department of Health Noise Branch, Honolulu Police Department and the Liquor Commission to work on administrative solutions, Bill 43 would effectively prohibit the playing of amplified noise from sidewalks at levels exceeding a yet to be determined decibel level and provide for violation penalties. It would allow police to enforce against unwanted noise using a sound meter that measures by decibel, which they cannot now do.

We appreciate Bill 43 for the above reasons. It will help our community and others afflicted by excessive noise. Please pass Bill 43 for our community safety and health.

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

SHARON Y. MORIWAKI
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Written
Testimony

I live at Governor Cleghorn 1004. We are nightly barraged by over-amplified performances from the Kalakaua street performers. We chose to live in Waikiki because we like the city feel of the location but our lives, sleep, work and even general communication is disrupted every night by street performers. THIS HAD TO STOP for our sanity and general comfort of living. I don't want to stop them from performing. I just don't want to be forced to listen to them when I am over two blocks away. LOWER THE VOLUME. The audience for the performers are within a few feet of them. They don't need to blast the entire neighborhood. Please pass Bill 43 which will limit the volume level of their performances. thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony	I support imposing a restriction on the decibel levels of street performers in Waikiki, allowing residents to live in peace. Mahalo.
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WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**Testimony of Rick Egged
President, Waikiki Improvement Association**

**Before the
City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability And Health
Wednesday, March 21, 2022
In consideration, of**

Bill 43 (2021) CD1 Relating to Amplified Sound in Waikiki

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Committee:

My Name is Rick Egged, representing the Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA). The WIA is a membership organization consisting of major stakeholders in Waikīkī including, landowners, hotels, retailers and restaurants, the businesses that serve them and those interested in the future of this important part of our community and economy.

The Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA) strongly supports Bill 43.

We have no issue with Street Performers entertaining visitors on Waikīkī's sidewalks but when our bars and night clubs must comply with a reasonable noise standard and street events must shut down at 10pm there should be no reason why Bill 43 should not be passed and enforced regulating the amplified sound of street performers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.