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To: Honolulu City Council, Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health

Subject: Council Bill 43 (2021) Current Version

Aloha Chair Radiant Cordero and Members of the Committee

Members of the Waikiki Neighborhood and Visitor Industry have repeatedly asked the Waikiki Neighborhood Board to find a solution to the nightly amplified music from street performers that penetrates buildings in our community.

Due to the concrete construction of our buildings the sound from amplifiers used by street performers creates an unacceptable noise level. Many of our residents complain that even when they sacrifice the cooling winds by closing windows the noise still penetrates their apartments. One resident even spent an enormous amount of money to install noise resistant windows but the noise still penetrates her bedroom and makes sleep impossible.

Our residents understand that Waikiki is a mix of Resort and Apartment/Mixed Use Zones and that our visitor industry, HPD, HFD, EMS create noise above what you could expect in places like Manoa. However, the noise generated by amplified street performers exceeds what we consider reasonable and is a real problem for our residents that can't even listen to a television show without using maximum volume on their televisions.

We have no issue with Street Performers entertaining visitors on Waikiki Streets 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.

Mahalo for your support of our community,

Robert Finley
Chair

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