

**BILL043(21)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 465**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 2, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 30

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Denise Boisvert	Email: infofordenise@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 02:28 PM

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 02:47 PM

Name: Salvatore Anello	Email: ring23@aol.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:02 PM

Testimony:

I support Bill 43 (21) FD2. The noise and music coming from the street performers that are over 3 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?

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.

Name: Mike O'Dwyer	Email: bunsod4@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:08 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I'm testifying in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 43 (21) FD1. 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 produces deafening amplified music that I am forced to hear several streets away in Waikiki's Apartment Precinct.

I miss watching the local street musicians who gently played Hawaiian music. It was fun to bring visiting friends and family to Kalakaua to see them but the sound level of the types of acts today makes me need to avoid Kalakaua.

Please pass Bill 43 because the rights of residents trying to enjoy a peaceful evening at home without being a captive audience to noise 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 put into law and enforced.

Mahalo,  
Mike O'Dwyer

Name: Staci Kennedy	Email: thriftchick@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:10 PM
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Testimony:

I am writing again on behalf of my elderly mother and myself as her caregiver in support of Bill 43 (21) FD1. For decades we have lived several months each year in Waikiki. Over the past year I have realized how disruptive the noise from the street performers on Kalakaua is 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 evening and night hours. My mother needs to go to bed early, but is very often awakened by the street performer noise each evening. 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 (21) FD1 on behalf of the kupuna and their family/caregivers. Mahalo.

Name: Indira Braschi	Email: zuica22@aol.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:18 PM

Testimony:

Dear Council Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Please note my full support of Bill 43 (21) FD1, and gratitude to all councilmembers for your consideration to pass it.

The unnecessarily loud noise created by the amplifiers used by performers on Kalakaua Avenue is not only disruptive to all who must listen to it while sleeping, working or dining, but such noise is known to be dangerous to people's health.

As a resident in Waikiki's Apartment Precinct, I am forced to listen to it in the distance while trying to relax while at home in the evening. Closing my doors and windows does not help much at all; and it prevents my enjoying the trade winds until the performances stop.

There is nothing wrong with street performers entertaining tourists and locals, but the sounds they create in their acts should not be so loud that they are easily heard several streets away.

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.

This is our home, our sanctuary. Please pass Bill 43 (21) FD1; the restrictions are definitely needed.

Respectfully,  
Indira Braschi

Name: Leonhard Nicolai	Email: nicolai.hawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:21 PM

Testimony:

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

The loud amplified music, singing, 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 and hope you will pass Bill 43 (21) FD1. These regulations need to be established to insure that residents and our visitors can live and visit here in a peaceful environment.

Name: Sierra Laskowski	Email: sierralaskowski11@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:24 PM

Testimony:

I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 43 (21) FD1 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. I live in a residential building several streets away from Kalakaua Avenue that is filled with families, children, working people, and retired senior citizens.

A few months after my move when tourism started to come back, I was shocked that incredibly loud amplified music was allowed on sidewalks. How can such loud noise be legal when it is so unhealthy for all the people who work near it? And especially when it can be heard from blocks away and bother residents?

It makes it difficult for employees like me who must often be to work at 6 AM to get to sleep early. I am forced to stay awake or to get up again when 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.

The street performers need to understand that they are not being asked to stop playing or to stop using their amplifiers. We just need them, out of mutual respect, to lower the volume.

Please pass Bill 43, FD1.

Name: Cherlynn Thrasher	Email: sunnyhawaiiandays@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:27 PM

Testimony:

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.

This past year has had the loudest street performers that I can remember in all those 30 years. It had 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 or to dine at any of the restaurants with lanais or open window facing the street, 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 (21) FD1 because it will set decibel maximums for street performers which will be respectful of people living in the neighborhood around them.

Name: Bradley Patenaude	Email: braad@aol.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:34 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

Once again I am writing to support Bill 43 on Amplified Noise in Waikiki. The worst and most disruptive source of amplification is from street performers.

I live on Kaiulani Avenue just a few blocks from Kalakaua Avenue. Every evening we are subjected 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 have 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 that part of Waikiki is a resort area, but it is also a residential 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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Name: Terril Slusser	Email: terrilslusser@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 03:35 PM

Testimony:

This is testimony in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 43 (21) FD1.

Residents who live between Kuhio and the Ala Wai as I do should not be forced to hear the street performers' amplified music the way we do inside our homes for hours at a time in the evenings.

Bill 43 is not banning amplifiers so there should not be opposition to it from the street performers. The bill just addresses the need for decibel limits to be set starting at 7PM in the evenings to be fair to all people who live and work in Waikiki.

Name: Pamela Walker	Email: crystaltravel@earthlink.net	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 05:04 PM

Testimony:

Please pass Bill 43 (21) FD1. 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. No one can legitimately say that it is the residents' fault for living in Waikiki because we live in the residential area blocks away.

Kalakaua Avenue was not an earsplitting circus when I moved here. Over the years I enjoyed seeing the musicians playing Hawaiian music while some of their family members danced the hula. It really promoted a Hawaiian sense of place. They probably don't come to Kalakaua now because it is impossible for them to be heard with the other types of acts blasting so loudly. It is a loss for both tourists and residents.

One evening 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 what 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 gets 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. Passing Bill 43 (21) FD1 will give them the ability to help.

Name: Margaret Murchie	Email: Margaret@margaretm.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 05:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please support Bill 43, which will restrict amplified "entertainment" with its current painful, earsplitting noise level on almost every block with each "performer" attempting to outdo each other, cranking up their boom boxes. One cannot walk or hear themselves talk on the Waikiki sidewalks or restaurants with these chaotic competitions. There are also a couple of restaurants in the International Marketplace that are way louder than they should be and their security and police have been called many times. Why do we allow this? Ask the workers at the hotels along the way how many complaints they get. It also creates chaos with the predators using the distracted crowds gathered to easily pick pockets and riles up the mentally challenged homeless. We walk about three times a week, either early morning or evening, from the Elks to Lewers and it is a deterrance for sure. It is definitely not enjoyable nor is it necessary. I own a long term rental condo near Kapahulu and Kalakaua and have lost good tenants over the noise issue. Please do something to quell the cacophony. We should also do something about the loud motorcycles and other vehicles with modified mufflers racing around the neighborhood night and day. Mahalo for your consideration and attention.</p>		
Name: barbara barry	Email: barbaraabarry@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 29, 2022 @ 07:05 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>support Bill 43 (21) FD1.</p>		
Name: Board of Directors AOA Governor Cleghorn	Email: governorcleghornaoao@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 29, 2022 @ 09:07 AM
Name: Jim Cosgrove	Email: jhcogrove@juno.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 29, 2022 @ 01:45 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear City Councilmembers:</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Bill 43 (21) FD1. Waikiki is divided into two distinct sections, the Resort Area makai of Kuhio, and the Apartment Precinct mauka of Kuhio.</p> <p>City dwellers understand that normal sounds like traffic and sirens go with the territory. The unregulated, highly-amplified music that can be heard from blocks away that comes from what tourists and residents alike have called the ear-splitting circus on Kalakaua is not normal in any city on a nightly basis.</p> <p>The unmitigated noise that continues for hours in the evenings disturbs residents, children and adults, who live several streets away in the quieter residential part of Waikiki, but are forced to listen to it all evening long after long days at work or school.</p> <p>We respect the rights of street performers, but Bill 43 is obviously needed so the rights of residents to not be forced to hear the sounds as loudly as we do now will also be acknowledged and enforced.</p> <p>This bill is not banning the performers or their use of amplifiers; it is just a matter of lowering the volume and limiting the hours of the currently uncontrolled high-decibel levels.</p> <p>Please pass Bill 43 (21) FD1.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jim Cosgrove 225 Kaiulani Ave</p>		

Name: Cynthia Vanaria	Email: cmvana@aol.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 05:14 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Honolulu City Councilmembers,</p> <p>I reside in the Governor Cleghorn on Kaiulani Ave in Waikiki. I am writing in <b>STRONG SUPPORT</b> 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.</p> <p>The performers are fun and clever tourist attractions, but the level of sound they produce makes them <b>IMPOSSIBLE</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <b>BOTH</b> sides.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your consideration to pass Bill 43.</p> <p>Cynthia Vanaria</p>		
Name: Rita Onorio	Email: rita.onorio@gmx.de	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 01:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a graduate student at HPU who lives on Kaiulani Avenue between Kuhio Avenue and Ala Wai Blvd. The amplified noise on Kalakaua Avenue that can be heard in my apartment makes it difficult to use the time in the evening to study. I also get up early in the morning to attend lectures and I often have to wait until the street performers stop playing before I can go to sleep.</p> <p>I support Bill 43 that would have the volume lowered starting at 7:00 PM.</p>		
Name: Kristina Holzapfl	Email: kristinaholzapfl@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 01:25 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Honolulu City Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am in full support of Bill 43, FD1. The amplified music on Kalakaua Avenue should not be so loud that it can be heard in Waikiki's residential apartment district where people can even hear it in their living rooms. It disturbs the concentration I need for my studies. Please pass the bill.</p> <p>Mahalo for your consideration.</p>		
Name: Julia Schmatz	Email: juliaschmatz@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 01:26 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		



Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Bill 43 to lower the volume of amplified noise on sidewalks in Waikiki so people may relax or study without being disturbed for hours every evening. As a student I will really appreciate the change in volume.

Name:  
Jaime Smedes

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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Support

Submitted:  
Oct 30, 2022 @ 03:31 PM

Testimony:

The noise level in Waikiki and around Oahu is unfortunate and negatively impacts the mental health of more residents than we can understand. I urge the city and law enforcement to hold people accountable for creating unnecessary noise in the form of excessive vehicle exhaust systems both in cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Name:  
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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Support

Submitted:  
Oct 30, 2022 @ 06:48 PM

Testimony:

We need limit on noise so people living here can sleep and work without interruption

Name:  
John Bickel

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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Support

Submitted:  
Oct 31, 2022 @ 07:53 AM

Testimony:

I have lived in Waikiki on Ala Wai Blvd for almost twenty years. Since then the unit next to mine has been bought and sold a number of times. Each time someone moves in thinking Waikiki is a fun place to live. In about two years they tire of the noise and move out. So many of us suffer from sleep deprivation due vehicle noise and people screaming at all hours. More needs to be done. This bill is a good step.

Name:  
Rob Coutts

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96815

Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Support

Submitted:  
Oct 31, 2022 @ 08:43 AM

Testimony:

Please pass this legislation - Waikiki does not need carnival barkers and "entertainers" clogging the streets and generating so much noise.

Nobody wants to hear someone's amplified yelling, singing, and music especially in the evenings.

It's like having the idiot with the boombox in their car loudly playing "music" park in front of your house.

It's annoying and needs to stop.

Name:  
Carlino Giampolo

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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Support

Submitted:  
Nov 1, 2022 @ 08:04 AM

Testimony:

I strongly support the passage of Bill 43.

No one should have the right to disrupt the peace and tranquility, as well as adversely impact the health and well-being of residents, with their loud and excessive noises. This includes street performers who are not local to the neighborhood where they perform.

Bill 43 respects the dignity of Waikiki neighborhood residents.

Please pass Bill 43 for final approval by the mayor.

Name: Michael Mischer	Email: michaelmischer@me.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 10:55 AM

Testimony:

I am in favor of Bill 043.

The health of citizens living in Waikiki is of most importance.

Name: Sharon Moriwaki	Email: senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 02:31 PM

Name: Adrian Tam	Email: reptam@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 02:32 PM

Name: Alessandra Gallian	Email: alessa.gallian@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 2, 2022 @ 08:25 AM

Testimony:

I live on 225 Kaiulani Avenue. My windows go out ocean side and I can hear the music very clearly as if it were played in my living room. I don't want to have to listen to a full blown concert every night. There is especially one band that has two large speakers set up with a stage. This is taking it too far. We have asked them kindly many times to turn it down but they don't care. This is not Aloha. Do they even have a license to have all that set up? They are being very disrespectful to our residents in this community. This is not Pono.

Also the sound on the corner they are set up echoes. It is really bothersome.

Name: Winston Welch	Email: winston@outdoorcircle.org	Zip: 96815
Representing: The Outdoor Circle	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 2, 2022 @ 09:44 AM

Testimony:

I want to provide oral testimony on this and other items on the agenda. Please send login instructions.

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Supporters of Bill 43 FD2 do not want to revoke the rights of people to express themselves on public sidewalks. Bill 43 would not ban amplifiers. It is simply a compromise that will set limits on when and how loudly their amplified sounds may be.

I live mauka of Kuhio, 3 ½ streets away from most amplifiers, but on many nights **it is like watching TV with the radio on in the same room, and with all windows closed!**

Waikiki has been a gathering place for friends and families for far longer than the invention of portable amplifiers. Now, when friends and families gather and hang out, they must close their windows. Hotel guests and residents are a **captive audience of decibels that could fill Aloha Stadium!**

Most visitors watch a street performance for a few minutes, or a couple songs, and move along to the next ones, then go somewhere else. The families in my building must listen nonstop for hours all evening long.

**Would such excessively loud noise going up into the night air and heard for blocks be tolerated in other commercial or resort areas on the island?**

A visitor from Florida even wrote to the Star Advertiser in September last year that they had to bring the lanai table and chairs inside their hotel room because of the **earsplitting circus**. She wrote that she knew about Hawaii's struggle with overtourism and wondered if it was a strategy to keep people from returning to Waikiki hotels!!

The residents in the Apartment Precinct understand city noises; but extremely loud nonstop amplified noise all evening long is not normal and definitely not healthful.

**Please approve Bill 43 FD2.** It is a fair compromise for people to live, visit and work together - and to have mutual respect for each other.

Thank you for understanding that both sides have rights.









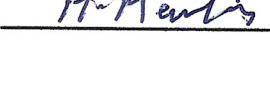
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ATTN: Transportation, Sustainability, & Health Committee, Honolulu City Council  
RE: Support of Bill 43 regarding Amplified Noise in Waikiki

We, the undersigned, residents of Waikiki are in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 43 for the following reasons:

- While we are not at all against street performers, we have the right to not be forced to listen to the noise produced by their performances
- The street performer noise can be heard in the Apartment Precinct mauka of Kuhio that is several streets away
- Our neighborhood has many families with babies and school age children, and adults of all ages whose health could be adversely affected by intrusive noise and lack of sleep
- The amplified noise forces us to close our windows and prevents us from breathing fresh air and can still be heard through our windows
- As residents in Waikiki, we understand that ambulance, siren, and traffic noise come with the territory, but amplified noise is voluntary and the decibel level needs to be controlled to be fair to everyone

**Please pass Bill 43.**

Name (print)	Signature	Street Address
COURTNEY David		218 Kaulani Ave #2
Anna Rhodan		218 Kaulani Ave #19 Hon, HI 96815
Deborah Bokala		424 Waike St #53 Honolulu HI 96815
Vu Dinh		218 Kaulani Ave #21
Lisa Somsan		2442 Tusiata St
Einstein Romero		222 Kaulani Ave #105
James Palaka		2423 Cleghorn St
Leigh Johnson		2415 Alahua #405
Arpine Martirosian		2452 Tusiata St. #73





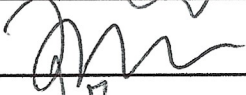
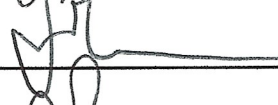



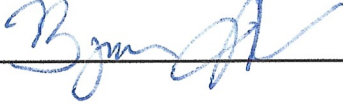
Residents of the Governor Cleghorn  
225 Ka'iulani Ave  
Honolulu, HI 96815

ATTN: Transportation, Sustainability, & Health Committee, Honolulu City Council  
RE: Support of Bill 43 regarding Amplified Noise in Waikiki

We, the undersigned, are residents (owners or tenants) of the Governor Cleghorn. We are in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 43 for the following reasons:

- While we are not at all against street performers, we have the right to not be forced to listen to the noise produced by their performances
- The street performer noise can be heard in our building in the Apartment Precinct mauka of Kuhio that is several streets away
- Our building has many families with babies and school age children, teachers, EMTs, doctors, hospitality workers, other professions, and retirees, whose health could be adversely affected by intrusive noise and lack of sleep
- The amplified noise forces us to close our windows and prevents us from breathing fresh air and can still be heard through our windows
- As residents in Waikiki, we understand that ambulance, siren, and traffic noise come with the territory, but amplified noise is voluntary and the decibel level needs to be controlled to be fair to everyone

**Please pass Bill 43.**

Name (print)	Signature	Date	Apt #
Andre Souza		08/12	301
SERAFIN SPARRELL		8/12/22	1203
Lisa Sparrell		8/12/22	1203
BRENCE LYNN		8/12/22	205
TIFFANY TORRE		8/12/22	705
JOSH TERESCO		8/12/22	705
Julia Rivera		8/12/22	703
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Samara Abreu		8/17	1602
Bryan Mosley		8/17	1505



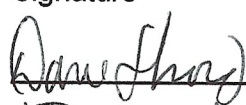
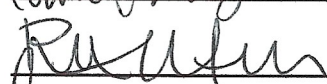


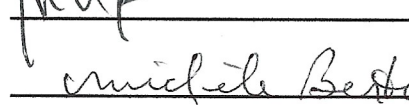
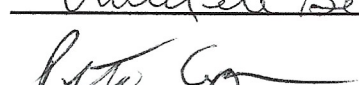
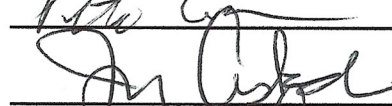

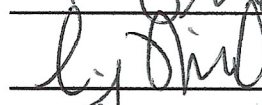

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Dave I Hori		8-12-22	403
Rita McFarland		8-12-22	804
Johan Morala		8-12-22	804
Terril Slusser		8-12-22	405
Michelle Bertoin		8-12-22	1606
Peter Galagroun		8-12-22	"
Jerry Custals		8-12-22	PH 5
Kyle Vidal		8-12-2022	704
ERIC VIDAL		8-12-2022	704
Jiro Ku		8-12-2022	408





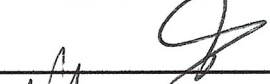

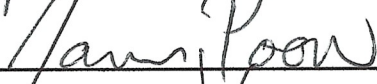

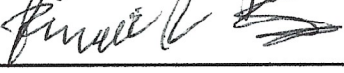

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Tom Elvrom		08/11/22	PH6
Alessandra Gallian		08-11-22	703
Claire Carlton		8/11/22	904
Mohamed El Gohary		8/11/2022	701
Vy U		8/11/2022	808
James Poon		8/11/2022	902
Gracie Knoth		8/11/22	903
FRANCISCA BENNETT		8/12/22	Apt 505
RT BARROGA		8/12/22	306

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William Albratton	[Signature]	8/27/2022	304
ADISAK WONGUDAWAN	[Signature]	8/29/22	702
Kelis Kaleopa'a	Kelis K.	9/12/22	1401
Peter Horwitz	[Signature]	9/2/22	PH 4



City Council Hearing November, 2022

Dear Chair Waters and members of the City Council,

I FULLY SUPPORT Bill 43 (21), FD2.

I am an amateur musician and songwriter so I respect those who showcase their 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 and can be heard MANY streets away?

During the spring and summer of 2021, my wife and I individually reached out to a particularly loud band with 3 elevated loud speakers to try to have them understand their affect on our neighborhood several streets away. We suggested several ways to have a win-win situation:

- to please simply lower their volume, *but that never happened*
- to please move to a different part of Kalakaua so that the sound would not go up Kaiulani Ave, *but they wouldn't do that*
- to please place their loudspeakers on the ground instead of several feet high on poles...*nope...*
- to please turn the direction of the loudspeakers to project parallel to Kalakaua instead of toward the Apartment Precinct; *again, they couldn't care less about our residential neighborhood*

Each suggestion was met with a defensive, "We know our rights!!!" even though their rights to freedom of speech and expression were NEVER in question in the first place. It was simply residents begging for two-way understanding and human compassion.

We are grateful to Council Chair Waters for introducing Bill 43 so rights will run both ways and be protected by law.

It will not only benefit residents who live streets away in the Apartment Precinct, but also shop employees, restaurant and hotel workers, and jetlagged tourists. See the attached Letter to the Editor from a visitor.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kim Jorgensen

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.

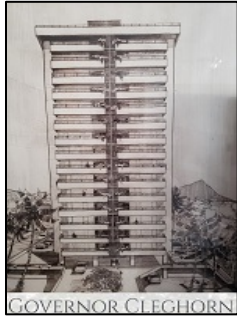
No one is above the law. Wearing a mask and pulling out a vaccine card to enter a restaurant, theater or other place of business is not the way we would like to live out our days, but choices and actions we take today have consequences that affect our future.

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

Don't people get this simple concept?

**Jill Thach**

*Kailua*



## **Governor Cleghorn**

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RE: Honolulu City Council Meeting, November 2, 2022

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

The Association of Apartment Owners of Governor Cleghorn strongly supports Bill 43 (21) FDI.

Attached is a letter dated May 18, 2021, from the former President of our Board of Directors to Senator Moriwaki, Representative Tam, Council Chair Waters, Mayor Blangiardi, Rick Egged of the Waikiki Improvement Association, and Bob Finley, Chair of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, asking for help to lower the volume of the amplifiers on Kalakaua Avenue that greatly disturbs residents in our building several streets away, mauka of Kuhio, for hours in the evening.

The sound levels and numbers of amplifiers have increased since we wrote that letter.

We are grateful to Chair Waters for understanding the need for a decibel limit on amplified noise during the evening and night hours, and we hope that all members of the City Council will understand and approve Bill 43 (21) FD1.

Mahalo,

AOAO Governor Cleghorn Board of Directors

Attachment

Stan Michaels  
Board President  
AOAO Governor Cleghorn  
225 Ka'iulani Ave #602  
Honolulu, HI 96815

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.

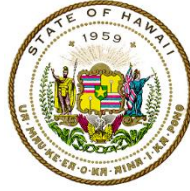
Our building's residents are not alone. The nonstop noise on the sidewalks for several hours each evening would also be a nuisance to employees and jetlagged tourists at the Moana Surfrider, Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, and Princess Ka'iulani hotels, as well as to patrons and employees of the many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

STATE CAPITOL  
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November 1, 2022

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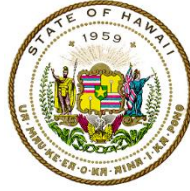
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