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April 7, 2026

Mr. Andrew Martin, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Martin:

SUBJECT: **BILL 119 (2025), PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED NOISE VIOLATIONS** (WASSP-9)

The Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee is planning to reconsider Bill 119 (2025), attached, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.36.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED NOISE VIOLATIONS," at an upcoming meeting.

Bill 119's purpose is to increase monetary penalties for the "excessive noise created by sound amplification systems in motor vehicles" and to allow the forfeiture of such systems or components, or the combination of fines and forfeiture, on the third offense.

The Committee last discussed Bill 119 on October 20, 2025. Concerns were raised regarding the ability to effectively enforce and prosecute Code Chapter 9.36. To assist the Committee's future discussion, may I please request that you review Bill 119 and provide any suggested amendments to address those concerns.

May I further request you transmit your response to wassp.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 30, 2026**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Criselda Paranada at ext. 7668).

Mr. Andrew Martin
March 27, 2026
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Sincerely,

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SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and
Parks Committee

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Attachment

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 119 (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.36.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED NOISE VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Section 9.36.040, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

“9.36.040 Penalty. A. For the first offense, upon conviction, [there shall be a] the fine [of not less than \$25 but no more than \$100.] is \$250.

B. For the second offense, upon conviction, [there shall be a] the fine [or not less than \$100 but no more than \$250.] is \$500.

C. For the third offense, upon conviction, [there shall be a fine of not less than \$250 but no more than \$500.] the penalty is:

1. A fine of \$1,000;

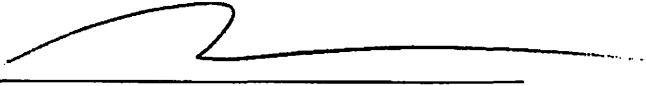
2. Forfeiture of the sound amplification system or components of the sound amplification system up to \$1,000 in value; or

3. A combination of forfeiture and a fine totaling \$1,000.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

WASSP Committee

From: WASSP Committee
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 11:32 AM
To: Andrew Martin
Cc: Shelly DeMattos; Glen Duran; Michelle L. Santos; 'Zeke Kalua'; WASSP Committee
Subject: Bill 119 (2025), Penalties for Prohibited Noise Violations (WASSP-9)
Attachments: 009apa02.pdf

Mr. Martin: Please refer to the attached letter from WASSP Committee Chair Sinenci, dated April 7, 2026. **Please respond by April 30, 2026.**

Mayor's Office: Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.