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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEAF BLOWERS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 342F-30.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~{}~~§342F-30.8~~{}~~ Leaf blowers; restrictions. (a) In any  
4 urban land use district, as designated pursuant to section 205-  
5 2, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a leaf blower  
6 within a residential zone or within one hundred feet of a  
7 residential zone in the State, except between the hours of  
8 ~~[8:00]~~ 9:00 a.m. and ~~[6:00]~~ 5:00 p.m. on any day ~~[except Sunday~~  
9 ~~or a state or federal holiday, and between the hours of 9:00~~  
10 ~~a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday or any state or federal holiday.]~~;  
11 provided that a person shall not operate a leaf blower for more  
12 than two total hours within the allowed times in one day.

13           (b) In any urban land use district, as designated pursuant  
14 to section 205-2, within a residential zone or within one  
15 hundred feet of a residential zone, it shall be unlawful for any  
16 person to operate a gasoline-powered leaf blower unless that  
17 person is an owner, agent, or employee of an entity authorized  
18 to transact business in this State who operates a leaf blower in



1 the normal course of business. This subsection shall not limit  
2 the private use of electric-powered leaf blowers.

3 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Violators shall be fined \$50 for the first  
4 violation, \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third  
5 violation, and \$500 for each subsequent violation.

6 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Government entities, and agents acting on behalf  
7 of government entities, shall not be subject to this section.

8 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any county may adopt a rule or ordinance that  
9 places stricter limitations on the use of leaf blowers than are  
10 in this section. In case of a conflict between the requirements  
11 or limitations of this section and any county rule or ordinance  
12 regarding the use of leaf blowers, the more restrictive  
13 requirements shall apply.

14 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) For the purposes of this section:

15 "Leaf blower" means any machine used to blow leaves, dirt,  
16 or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other  
17 surfaces.

18 "State holiday" means any day established as a state  
19 holiday in section 8-1."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1041

**Report Title:**

Leaf Blowers; Noise

**Description:**

Restricts the use of leaf blowers to two hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day. Makes it illegal to operate a gasoline-powered leaf blower within a residential zone unless the operator is personnel of a licensed business.

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