

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2939

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2159
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEAF BLOWERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the residential zone restriction on the use of leaf blowers at certain hours includes residential districts, apartment districts, and business mixed use districts; and
- (2) Remove the exemption on leaf blower restrictions for government agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that noise pollution is an ongoing and growing problem in the State. Leaf blowers cause a great deal of noise that, over a period of time, becomes an extreme nuisance which is harmful and disruptive to many individuals' lives particularly in residential areas. This measure will help ensure



that the operation of leaf blowers in residential zone areas is limited to appropriate times.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that government entities, and agents acting on behalf of government entities, may use leaf blowers during the prohibited hours in the case of an emergency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2159.SD1	HTH / GVO, JDC	02-28-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
TOTAL	5	1	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes