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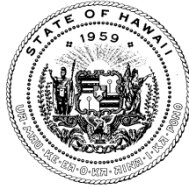
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Comments:

I support SB2159 but find it wanting. I object to the use of defective effective dates and find that they do not serve to encourage future discussion, they are a cop out, and often end in the defeat of a bill during conference committee. The effective date should be changed to effective upon approval, not some date 28 years in the future when a good number of us will be dead.

Noise from leaf blowers is a travesty. It wakes us up. It interrupts conversations. Ofttimes the operator just blows the leaves around, for no apparent purpose. Whatever happened to using rakes? I live in a downtown Honolulu high rise. Noise travels up. Short of banning leaf blowers, this is a good start. Please move this measure forward for the sanity of all of us who are assaulted by this noise.

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**S.B. 2159, S.D. 2
RELATING TO LEAF BLOWERS**

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill that removes the government exemption on leaf blower restrictions in residential zones except in cases of emergency.

Under our normal operating conditions, the DOT conducts leaf blowing operations in the time frame provided in the proposed legislation. However, when safety situations are reported, we must act quickly. In doing so, maintenance schedules can be disrupted. With a more flexible schedule, the DOT can assure a quicker recovery, whether it's during daytime hours or not. DOT welcomes the changes that were made to this measure that allows us to respond in cases of emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.