



# GOV. MSG. NO. 1280

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 2, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3011 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO NOISE.  
**ACT 179**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

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

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

3 1. By amending its title and subsection (a) to read:

4 " ~~[§]~~ §342F-30.8 ~~[§]~~ Leaf blowers; weed whackers;  
5 restrictions. (a) In any urban land use district, as  
6 designated pursuant to section 205-2, it shall be unlawful for  
7 any person to operate a leaf blower or weed whacker within a  
8 residential zone or within one hundred feet of a residential  
9 zone in the State, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and  
10 ~~[6:00]~~ 7:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday or a state or federal  
11 holiday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and ~~[6:00]~~ 7:00 p.m.  
12 on Sunday or any state or federal holiday~~[-]~~; provided that  
13 government entities, and agents acting on behalf of government  
14 entities, may use weed whackers during the prohibited hours in  
15 the case of an emergency as defined in section 127A-2."

16 2. By amending subsections (c) through (e) to read:



1           "(c) Government entities, and agents acting on behalf of  
2 government entities, shall not be subject to this section[-] as  
3 it applies to leaf blowers.

4           (d) Any county may adopt a rule or ordinance that places  
5 stricter limitations on the use of leaf blowers or weed whackers  
6 than are in this section. In case of a conflict between the  
7 requirements or limitations of this section and any county rule  
8 or ordinance regarding the use of leaf blowers[-] or weed  
9 whackers, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.

10           (e) For the purposes of this section:

11           "Leaf blower" means any machine used to blow leaves, dirt,  
12 or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other  
13 surfaces.

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

16           "Weed whacker" means a gasoline or electric powered yard  
17 tool that uses either a flexible monofilament line (also known  
18 as a string or line trimmer) or revolving metal cutting blade  
19 intended to cut or trim grass and other vegetation."

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.



S.B. NO. 3011  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this **2nd** day of **July**, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 1, 2024  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2024.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3011, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives