

House Bill 3023

Sponsored by Representative SMITH WARNER (at the request of Quiet Clean PDX)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits sale or use of two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers in counties with population greater than 400,000. Punishes violation by maximum fine of \$500.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to leaf blowers.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 **(a) Two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers are harmful to public and operator health;**

6 **(b) Two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers often have an operating volume that exceeds**
7 **decibel levels known to cause damage to the ear and have been identified as common con-**
8 **tributors to permanent hearing loss; and**

9 **(c) Elevated noise levels can lead to stress, anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and**
10 **heart disease.**

11 **(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is therefore in the interest of the public and**
12 **of landscape equipment operators to eliminate the use of two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf**
13 **blowers in counties with a population greater than 400,000.**

14 **SECTION 2. (1) No person shall sell, or offer to sell or give as a sales inducement, a**
15 **two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower in a county with a population greater than 400,000.**

16 **(2) No person shall use a two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower in a county with a pop-**
17 **ulation greater than 400,000.**

18 **(3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prevents wholesale transactions, including**
19 **but not limited to the transportation, warehousing, sale and delivery of two-cycle gasoline-**
20 **powered leaf blowers.**

21 **(4) Violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is a Class C violation.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.