

# House Bill 3521

Sponsored by Representative NERON

## SUMMARY

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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 Relating to leaf blowers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 **SECTION 2. (1) A person may not sell, or offer to sell or give as a sales inducement, a**  
14 **two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower in a county with a population greater than 400,000.**

15 **(2) A person may not use a two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower in a county with a**  
16 **population greater than 400,000.**

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

20 **(4) Violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is a Class C violation.**  
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