

Submitter: Eileen Stark

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB525

As a biologist, landscape designer and Oregonian, I fully support SB 525. Besides the annoying noise that is detrimental to people and wildlife, small nonfood engines create unnecessary toxic waste and emissions that harm ecosystems and contribute greatly to the climate crisis.

It's also extremely destructive to blow away leaves and other natural detritus that's supposed to be on soil — to protect it, enrich it, and provide food for wildlife. Blowing away leaves is one reason for the extreme loss of essential native insects, including pollinators, that take cover under fallen leaves in wintertime.

In the past 20 years the use of these polluting engines has exploded. It's time Oregon follows other states with bans. Please pass SB 525!