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I support HB 2067. Gas-powered leaf blowers are a major nuisance, because of the noise they produce, as well as the pollution they cause. One hour of using a gas-powered leaf blower can emit as much pollution as driving a modern car for 1,100 miles, according to a 2021 report by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). These pollutants are hazardous to human health and to the environment, as they can cause respiratory problems, irritate the eyes and throat, and contribute to smog.

Battery-powered leaf blowers are a much better option, as they produce fewer emissions. These models are also typically quieter than gas-powered models, making them a better option for noise-sensitive areas. I know that I and my neighbors would be very happy if people used battery-powered leaf blowers instead of gas-powered models.