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I strongly support this proposed legislation. Many constituents in cities throughout Oregon would like to see a reduction in gas powered blowers, and encouragement/incentives is the way to go. And statewide makes the most sense, rather than a patchwork approach.

Gas powered leaf blowers are a significant source of pollution. 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.