

Dear Senators:

Thank you for considering this measure. Now that there is a variety of alternatives on the market, it is time to eliminate gas-powered yardwork equipment in favor of quieter, non-polluting options with a timed phase-in period and incentives for small businesses to make the transition. This proposed bill is reasonable and generous in its approach.

Most existing equipment employs a two-cycle engine, which is noisy, burns oil, and gives off noxious fumes and carbon dioxide, impacting air quality and our carbon-footprint. Workers exposed to this over the long-run may experience negative health-related impacts.

Several cities in Oregon are beginning to consider similar measures. Having a statewide standard with transition assistance would make the situation uniform across the state, a benefit to business.

I strongly support SB 525 as amended and urge you to move it out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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