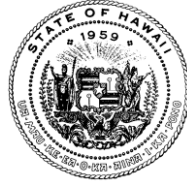


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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB3011
RELATING TO NOISE**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: 2/14/2024

Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Testimony:**

5 The Department respectfully comments on this measure that proposes to include weed whacker
6 restrictions to 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7 The Department would like to comment that any new mandate may require additional
8 resources for effective enforcement. The intent of 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes is to regulate
9 noise sources that are either fairly constant in nature, stationary, or restricted to a certain
10 location, and can feasibly be enforced. Enforcement against weed whackers, in addition to leaf
11 blowers is extremely difficult due to their mobility and duration of use.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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14 **Offered Amendments:** None

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 12:22:40 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Dower	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3011. Weed whackers and leaf blowers should fall under the same category as they are both loud and have toxic gas emissions. Having these loud noises being able to occur before 8am and after 6 pm should be illegal as its disturbing my enjoyment watching tv.

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:30:46 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Mitsumori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Weed whackers and leaf blowers are both loud and emit strong fumes. In our neighborhood, the properties are relatively close to each other, and you can hear a leaf blower two or three houses down. This bill helps codify reasonable neighborliness.

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 1:19:45 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Veronica Zink	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB3011.

There is no reason to need to operate a weed whacker before 8:00AM. Use of a weed whacker before this time in the early morning disturbs the needed peace and rest for entire communities.

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:07:32 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I stand in support of SB3011, but recommend 1 amendment.

While I appreciate limiting the times that weed whackers are able to used, I do think the time limit is a little narrow.

Currently, it is February toward the ending of the winter season. Our days were short and are getting longer. Currently, 6pm is still bright enough for residents to be working in their yard, and can do so till about 7pm. In the Summer months, the amount of sun available allows us to work in our yards till 8pm.

The one amendment I would suggest is amending the time that one can use their weed wacker to 7:00pm. I think that allows for enough time throughout the year to use our weed wackers, and yet ends early enough for their to be quiet time in residential areas.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Keoni Shizuma

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 8:19:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dennis b miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Noise nuisances should also include loud motorcycles within the city limits. Motorcycle enthusiasts routinely rev their engines in public areas. During the period of their 'revving' they interrupt and prevent all conversation within a few hundred feet.

Retail shops along the road are regularly disrupted by excessively and deliberately loud motorcycles. Excessive noise via an engine within the city limits should be cause for a ticket.

Dennis B Miller

Waikiki

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:01:41 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Olderr	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill confuses me on so many different levels. First of the being on why does this need to be a bill in the first place to be corrected, and what need does this bill serve? Surely there are other issues more deserving of the committee's time than regulating the use of weed whackers.

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SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:13:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
susan hassett	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I havend not read the full bill yet, but the DB DECIBIL level of ANY landscape equipment is the most important part of hearing this equipment....not just distance and hours of operation... better for worker, better for homeowners...

Please make sure to include..