

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19**

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 35

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to leaf blowers.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 19, Burton. Leaf blowers.

This measure would memorialize the State Air Resources Board, on or before January 1, 2000, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, as provided, summarizing the potential health and environmental impacts of leaf blowers and including recommendations for alternatives to their use. The measure would also request each governing body of a city, including a charter city, or county to refrain from enacting any new ordinance that prohibits the use of leaf blowers until the state board submits that report to the Legislature.

WHEREAS, Questions and concerns have been raised about the potential environmental impacts and health hazards associated with the operation of leaf blowers; and

WHEREAS, The potential impacts from exhaust, noise, and blown dust affect both the operators of leaf blowers and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, There is no comprehensive review available of existing studies of the impacts of leaf blowers on leaf blower operators and on the public at large, or of the availability and actual use of protective equipment for leaf blowers; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive review would aid in answering these concerns about the use of leaf blowers and clarify the public debate; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby requests that the State Air Resources Board, on or before January 1, 2000, use data and information in existence at that time to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature summarizing the potential health and environmental impacts of leaf blowers and including recommendations for alternatives to the use of leaf blowers and alternative leaf blower technology if the state board determines that alternatives are necessary; and be it further

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until the State Air Resources Board submits its report to the Legislature, as requested above; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Executive Officer of the State Air Resources Board.

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