

I am writing in support of H.B. No. 5122. As a wetland scientist and ecologist, I see first hand the adverse impact of invasive plants and animals. Golden Bamboo has the potential to become one of the most serious pests in CT. This plant is virtually impossible to control once it escapes, short of herbiciding the entire plant and all its rhizomes. Physical barriers can easily be bypassed. Short of a total ban on selling the plant in CT, which I support, this is the only acceptable alternative.

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