

Dear Legislators:

I am writing in support of S.B. 1016 regarding running bamboo.

I believe that all persons should respect the property of others and I recognize that neighbors should have the right to grow plants of their choice on their property. Given the growth characteristics of running bamboo, however, I believe that it is incumbent on a person who chooses to have bamboo on their property to not allow the plant to grow onto another person's property and, if this incursion takes place, it should be the responsibility of the homeowner who has the bamboo on their property to bear the cost of removal from the neighbor's property and/or the cost of barrier installation to prevent spread. Further, since the bamboo invades every year, this should be an annual cost until the invasion no longer occurs. Allowing the plant to grow unrestricted onto another person's property and without any responsibility for removal is unfair, disrespectful of the neighbor's right to have happiness on his or her own property, and should be unlawful.

Thank you.

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