

S.B. 1016 AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANTING AND SALE OF RUNNING BAMBOO.

I am in support of the consideration of a Senate Bill 1016 that requires the regulation of the running bamboo Yellow Groove Bamboo (*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*).

We are all have and continue to be aware of the harmful effects that invasive plants have had upon the earth and its inhabitants. In rather recent times, we are witnessing the devastating effects of yet another plant, Yellow Groove Bamboo, and the severe damage it can cause.

As well as being an ecological threat, the plant also puts an additional burden on property owners as it is known to damage foundations of homes, drainage and sewer systems, asphalt driveways--and more.

Yellow Groove has a massive underground system of roots that left unchecked grows out of control and is almost impossible to remove. It knows no boundaries and easily spreads to the land of neighbors who eventually must share the burden of dealing with damage and containment as well as enduring a serious effect on the real estate value of their property.

Because of their neglect, please make it mandatory for the person growing the bamboo (*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*), be responsible for paying each year for the removal and continuing damage to their neighbor's property caused by the invasive weed.

Please do everything you can to assist in the passage of S.B. 1016 AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANTING AND SALE OF RUNNING BAMBOO. Thank you

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Please do everything you can to assist in the passage of a bill to designate Yellow Groove Bamboo as an invasive species. Thank you