

Environment Committee:

I am writing regarding provisions of HB 6032 as they pertain to the presence of bamboo in yards.

My feeling is that each property owner in the neighborhood should have the right to enjoy that property free from the effects of bamboo in a neighbor's yard. As such, I am encouraging that HB 6032 include the following:

-Clear wording that bamboo not be present within 40 feet of a property line regardless of when the bamboo was planted

-That local zoning enforcement officers be empowered to enforce regulations on bamboo with fines derived going to municipalities

-That courts be allowed to enforce bamboo regulations with costs being paid to the prevailing party

I appreciate the work that has been done on this issue but relief should be given to property owners from the effects of bamboo planted years ago in a neighbor's yard. The above provisions will bring that relief.

Thank you.

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