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Testimony for SB-79

AN ACT CLARIFYING PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING THE USE OF INSTALLED AND CONSTRUCTED BARRIER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN PLANTINGS.

Dear Environment Committee,

In the last few years I have attended two prior meetings for a discussion on problems with running bamboo. During this time the bamboo that started at a side neighbor's property and invaded a rear neighbor's property has spread across his back yard creeping even closer to my property with no regard to a 40 foot buffer.

In the past I have poisoned and removed any bamboo that has crept onto my land. I feel that this will get more difficult and costly in the future as long as my 2 neighbors allow it to remain unchecked on their property.

For this reason I support SB-79 and recommend adding the wording, "not allow to grow" in the buffer zone. If they do not adhere to these regulations, I would like to be able to attain legal counsel and make the offending parties responsible for any expenses incurred in the bamboo removal, attorneys' fees and court costs due to their disregard of the statute. Please include these two provisions in S.B. 79.

Thank you,

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