

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

Page 1, line 2, after "engineers" insert "; to provide for the control or eradication of noxious weeds on publicly owned lands; and to provide for a legislative council study"

Page 1, after line 20, insert:

"SECTION 3. Publicly owned land - Noxious weed control or eradication.

1. The commissioner shall attempt to arrange a noxious weed control or eradication program with all state and federal agencies owning, controlling, or having jurisdiction over land within the state.
2. Each weed control officer shall attempt to arrange a noxious weed control or eradication program with political subdivisions owning or controlling public land within the weed control officer's jurisdiction.
3. If a federal agency does not control or eradicate noxious weeds on land under the jurisdiction of the agency and does not develop a management plan for controlling or eradicating the noxious weeds, the appropriate weed control office shall notify the agency of the failure to control or eradicate the noxious weeds. The federal agency shall provide a report to the weed control authorities detailing the methods used by the federal agency and showing cause why the federal agency is not controlling or eradicating the noxious weeds. The commissioner may specify the forms on which the federal agency report must be submitted.
4. Upon being notified by a weed board of the federal agency's failure to control or eradicate noxious weeds, the commissioner may hold a public hearing to determine the reason for the failure.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS. During the 2009-10 interim, the legislative council shall consider studying the weed control programs of the army corps of engineers on federal land under its control, including whether the army corps of engineers is in compliance with federal and any applicable state weed control laws, whether the army corps of engineers sufficiently budgets funds to address weed control on army corps of engineers' land, and whether Congress provides proper funding for weed control on army corps of engineers' land. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly