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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2371

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "provide for the control of invasive species; to"

Page 1, line 3, replace "and to amend and reenact" with "relating to the distribution of state appropriations for noxious weed control."

Page 1, remove lines 4 through 6

Page 4, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 5, remove lines 1 through 18

Page 5, line 21, remove "**Local**" and overstrike "**share**" and insert immediately thereafter "**Distribution**"

Page 5, line 25, remove "or invasive species"

Page 5, line 26, after "Act" insert "and the grants for the control of invasive species, provided for in section 4 of this Act"

Page 6, line 2, remove "or invasive species"

Page 6, line 3, overstrike the first "the" and insert immediately thereafter "a" and replace "the" with "a"

Page 6, replace lines 4 through 28 with:

SECTION 4. Grant - Control of invasive species.

1. If a county weed board determines that an invasive species is present within its jurisdiction, the county weed board shall notify the commissioner. The commissioner may provide a grant to the board for the purpose of controlling the invasive species on public land and assisting private landowners in their efforts to voluntarily control the invasive species provided:
 - a. The commissioner determines that, without intervention, the invasive species is likely to become a noxious weed during the ensuing five-year period; and
 - b. The board files a plan with the commissioner detailing the manner in which and the time within which the grant funds are to be expended.
2. a. During each biennium, the commissioner may expend up to five percent of any moneys appropriated to the commissioner for noxious weed control to provide the grants authorized by subsection 1.

- b. During each biennium, the commissioner may use any moneys received from nonstate sources for the control of invasive species to provide grants authorized by subsection 1.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other law, a county week board is authorized to accept a grant under this section and implement a plan, approved by the commissioner, for the control of invasive species within its jurisdiction.
- 4. For purposes of this section, an invasive species means a plant species that has been introduced into this state and which the North Dakota state university extension service determines has caused or is likely to cause:
 - a. Economic harm;
 - b. Environmental harm; or
 - c. Harm to human health."

Renumber accordingly