

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0290-04
Bill No.: HCS for HB 244
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.
Type: Original
Date: March 9, 2007

Bill Summary: Designates spotted knapweed as a noxious weed.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture** assume no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume spotted knapweed is uncommon on Department lands. The MDC is working to control sericea lespedeza and research and evaluation efforts are underway as well. This proposal could have significant fiscal impact on MDC funds depending on the pace of eradication for sericea lespedeza.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume currently, there are no counties that have set up noxious weed control areas. Pursuant to Section 263.454, until a noxious weed control area has been declared, no controlling noxious weeds steps are required to be taken by landowners.

The DNR has identified spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe* = *Centaurea biebersteinii*) in 8 state parks (Bennett Spring, Cuivre River, Hawn, Illiniwek SHS, Johnson's Shut-Ins, Meramec, St. Joe and Stockton). Potentially, there would be fiscal impact to eradicate spotted knapweed if in the future counties establish weed control boards or control areas.

The department has identified sericea lespedeza in nearly every state park. Although it is possible to control the spread of sericea lespedeza, but it is impossible to eradicate it. In the past, DSP has spent \$20,000 to control sericea lespedeza at Prairie State Park. For other parks with less severe spread of such weed, DSP estimates it would cost average at least \$2,000 to control it. If sericea lespedeza is actively monitored and controlled at our 40 state parks, then the total estimated costs will be \$100,000 (\$20,000 for Prairie SP + \$2,000 * 40 parks/sites = \$100,000) annually.

So, the annual fiscal impact could be at least \$100,000 to possibly \$200,000 (assuming same cost to control spotted knapweed at all state parks).

Total costs are reflected as zero based on a decision made by the Oversight Subcommittee on February 1, 2000 in reference to a similar proposal (HB 1395) from the 2000 session.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2008
(10 Mo.)

FY 2009

FY 2010

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2008
(10 Mo.)

FY 2009

FY 2010

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

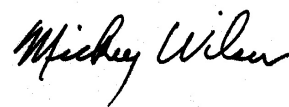
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Department of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources



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