

WEEDS

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: According to the state Department of Agriculture, about 8.2 million acres of land in Montana are affected by noxious weeds. There are 35 types of weeds documented in Montana. Weed infestations reduce the productivity of land used for crops or livestock. Weeds also deteriorate wildlife habitat and can choke out native plant species. State agencies, counties, and private landowners all play roles in the management of noxious weeds.

Legislative Services Division Materials:

FWP Habitat Management [program evaluation](#), 2016

Other Materials:

[Noxious Weed Programs](#), Department of Agriculture

[Montana Noxious Weed Management Plan](#), Department of Agriculture, 2017

[Noxious Weed Management on State Lands, follow up](#), Legislative Audit Division, 2005

[Noxious Weed Management on State Lands](#), Legislative Audit Division, 2003

Introduced Legislation

*Chapter number assigned means bill was passed and approved.

2017

[HB 410](#) (H) Died in Standing Committee. AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL; CLARIFYING A DEFINITION; CLARIFYING THE USE

AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2101, 15-1-122, AND 61-3-321, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[HB 434](#) Chapter Number Assigned. AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT ACT; ALLOWING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO COMBAT NOXIOUS WEEDS AND RESTORE WILDLIFE HABITAT; ESTABLISHING A WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

2015

[HB 329](#) (H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal. AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY WEED ABATEMENT PILOT PROJECT TO FUND WEED CONTROL ON STATE LAND IN COORDINATION WITH NEARBY LANDOWNERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2013

[SB 144](#) Chapter Number Assigned. AN ACT REVISING NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND LAWS; REQUIRING THE USE OF REVERTED FUNDS FOR FUTURE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT GRANT AWARDS; PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM APPLYING FOR OR RECEIVING GRANT AWARDS; CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

2011

HB 133 Chapter Number Assigned. AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; AUTHORIZING A WEED CONTROL BOARD TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO MANAGE NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123, 7-22-2124, AND 7-22-2148, MCA.

[HB 166](#) Chapter Number Assigned. AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF A PROPERTY OWNER TO INFORM THE OWNER'S AGENT AND THE PURCHASER OF WEED INFESTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; REVISING FUNDING OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2711, 7-22-2103, 7-22-2109, 7-22-2116, 7-22-2120, 7-22-2121, 7-22-2126, 7-22-2141, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2153, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[SB 365](#) (S) Died in Standing Committee. AN ACT CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2009

[SB 118](#) (S) Died in Standing Committee. AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA INVASIVE SPECIES ACT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS; CREATING THE INVASIVE SPECIES

COUNCIL; CREATING THE INVASIVE SPECIES ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS; DEFINING DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFESTATIONS; AUTHORIZING INSPECTION OF VEHICLES AND VESSELS; GRANTING CITATION AUTHORITY; PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER AND TRANSPORT OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND AQUATIC PLANTS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS; PROVIDING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-103 AND 87-5-721, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[SB 369](#) Chapter Number Assigned. AN ACT REVISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOXIOUS WEED LAWS; REVISING THE PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH REGARD TO NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL MEASURES; ELIMINATING THE PROVISION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING FOR A PERSON WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY A WEED DISTRICT BOARD DECISION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123 AND 7-22-2124, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 7-22-2110, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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