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Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 16-1163

Sponsors

Representative Rankin
Senator Grantham

Short Title

*Appropriations From Noxious
Weed Management Fund*

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Status

This bill is currently pending before the House on second reading. This research note reflects the introduced version of the bill.

Summary

The bill, ***recommended by the Joint Budget Committee***, specifies that all state moneys in the Noxious Weed Management Fund are subject to annual appropriations and that any unexpended and unencumbered moneys from an appropriation from the fund remain available for expenditure by the Department of Agriculture in the next fiscal year without further appropriation.

Background

Noxious weeds. A noxious weed is an alien plant that has been designated by a local advisory board as being aggressive to economic crops or native plants, is poisonous to livestock, is a carrier of detrimental diseases, diseases, or parasites, or is detrimental to the environmental management of the ecosystem.

Noxious Weed Management Fund. The Noxious Weed Management Fund was established in 1997 by the General Assembly to provide financial support to local government entities for the management and control of noxious weeds. The fund is administered by the Department of Agriculture. The department may use the money for noxious weed management programs; grants to eradicate or contain noxious weeds; administrative expenses; programs that contribute to the management of noxious weeds; grants to universities and services for weed research, evaluation, and education; and the employment of new noxious weed management projects.

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House Action

House Local Government Committee (February 24, 2016). The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.