

SENATE BILL NO. 13—SENATOR RHOADS

PREFILED JANUARY 11, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for administration of program to provide grants for local treatment and control of invasive species of weeds that are not native to Nevada. (BDR S-638)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the control of weeds; providing for the administration of a program to provide grants for the local treatment and control of invasive species of weeds that are not native to Nevada; making appropriations to carry out the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The Director shall administer a program to provide grants for the local treatment and control of invasive species of weeds that are not native to Nevada. In carrying out the program, the Director shall:

(a) Each fiscal year solicit in every county of this state proposals from qualified entities to carry out one or more projects. Each proposal must require a qualified entity to provide not less than 25 percent of the cost of a project, through the contribution of money received from any source other than the state, services in kind, or any combination of such money and services.

(b) Establish priorities for the evaluation of proposals from qualified entities and award grants to qualified entities on a competitive basis.

2. The recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Shall not use any part of the grant for the payment of any administrative fees or expenses.

(b) Shall submit to the Director, not later than:

(1) Ninety days after the completion of the project for which the grant was received; or

(2) The last day of the fiscal year for which the grant was received, whichever occurs later, a written report on the project. The report must include, without limitation, a statement of the amount of acreage treated for the control of each pertinent species of weed and the methods of treatment used.

3. The Director shall compile the information contained in the reports he receives pursuant to subsection 2 and, on or before December 31, 2002, submit a summary of the results of the program administered pursuant to this section to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the appropriate standing committees of the 72nd session of the Nevada Legislature.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Director" means the Director of the State Department of Agriculture.

(b) "Project" means a local project for the treatment and control of one or more invasive species of weeds that are not native to Nevada.

(c) "Qualified entity" means:

(1) A county;

(2) A conservation district created pursuant to chapter 548 of NRS before July 1, 2001; or

(3) A weed control district created pursuant to chapter 555 of NRS before July 1, 2001.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the State Department of Agriculture to carry out section 1 of this act:

For the fiscal year 2001-2002.....\$250,000

For the fiscal year 2002-2003.....\$250,000

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 for:

(a) The fiscal year 2001-2002 must be transferred and added to the money appropriated for the fiscal year 2002-2003.

(b) The fiscal year 2002-2003, including any money added thereto pursuant to paragraph (a), must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

Sec. 3. 1. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture shall contract with an independent contractor to serve as a coordinator for the program required pursuant to section 1 of this act. The program coordinator shall maintain an office in Elko, Nevada, and provide the Director with such technical and managerial assistance as the Director requires to carry out the program.

2. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the State Department of Agriculture to carry out subsection 1:

For the fiscal year 2001-2002.....\$100,000

For the fiscal year 2002-2003.....\$100,000

3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 2 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and reverts to the

1 state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been
2 made.

3 **Sec. 4.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

4 2. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, 2003.

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