

SENATE BILL NO. 488—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for control or abatement of weeds in this State. (BDR S-398)

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 making an appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for control or abatement of weeds in this State; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the State Department of Agriculture the sum of:

1. For the purpose of awarding grants of money pursuant to section 2 of this act, \$450,000.

2. For the purpose of allocating and using money pursuant to section 3 of this act, \$300,000.

Sec. 2. 1. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture may use the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1 of section 1 of this act to award grants of money to any cooperative organization or other group of persons that is formed and operated to control or abate weeds in any area of this State.

2. In reviewing an application for a grant, the Director shall consider:

(a) The qualifications, ability and interest of the applicant in controlling or abating weeds in this State;



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(b) The previous history of the applicant, if any, in organizing or engaging in any activity for the control or abatement of weeds in this State; and

(c) Any other requirements specified by the Director for awarding the grant.

Sec. 3. 1. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture shall allocate and use the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 2 of section 1 of this act as follows:

(a) Fifty thousand dollars must be used to hire seasonal employees to provide assistance in carrying out any activity of the Department relating to the control or abatement of noxious weeds in this State;

(b) Fifty thousand dollars must be used to develop or apply biological methods of controlling or abating noxious weeds in this State;

(c) One hundred thousand dollars must be used to develop programs to educate and encourage the involvement of the members of the general public in issues and activities relating to the control or abatement of noxious weeds in this State; and

(d) One hundred thousand dollars must be used to carry out any other program or activity of the Department relating to the control or abatement of noxious weeds in this State.

2. As used in this section, "noxious weed" means any species of plant which is, or is likely to be, detrimental or destructive and difficult to control or eradicate.

Sec. 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

