HOUSE BILL NO. 840

INTRODUCED BY GRADY, YELLOWTAIL, STEPPLER, GROSFIELD, THOFT

	IN THE HOUSE
FEBRUARY 14, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 21, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 22, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 23, 1991	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 25, 1991	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 26, 1991	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 99; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
	IN THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 27, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 16, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 21, 1991	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.
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MARCH 22, 1991	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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5	IMPORTATION, MOVEMENT, OR SALE OF NOXIOUS WEEDS THAT MAY
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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	SPONSOR'S FISCAL NOTE	
There is hereby submitted a Soon	Form BD-15S asor's Fiscal Note for: HB S40, Version:	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This bill revises the definition of noxious weed to include native plant communities. It also revises the law regarding embargoing of noxious weed by allowing the department to regulate or prohibit the importation or sale of noxious weeds.

ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. The department will assume the cost of amending the state-wide noxious weed list.
- 2. County weed districts will contain, control and eradicate noxious weed infestations at the county level.
- 3. The department will adopt rules to implement their expanded authority under this law, costing approximately \$1,500.
- 4. It is assumed that this law primarily affects nurseries because they could sell noxious weeds.
- 5. It is assumed that the cost of this program will be to notify nurseries of regulations and prohibitions developed under this law: It is assumed that \$1,000 will cover preparation of a letter of notification, copying and mailing expenses.
 - a. Out-of state notification, according to the state of Washington which has a similar law, would involve contacting the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and individual state Department of Agricultures. Each Department of Agriculture would, in turn, contact nurseries in their state detailing Montana's importation regulations.
 - b. In-state notification would involve contacting each of the approximately 650 licensed nurseries in Montana. Any inspection of these nurseries would occur on their regularly scheduled inspection by the department.

PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE 2-20/9/

Fiscal Note for: HB-840 Version: introduced HB 840

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FISCAL IMPACT Department of Agriculture:

FY 92

FY 93

Expenditures	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Rules & Notification	0	\$2,500	\$2,500	0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<u>Funding</u> General Fund	0	\$2,500	\$2,500	0	\$1,000	\$1,000

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Successful implementation will assist in overall weed control in the state.

HB 0840/02 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

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Rules--for-enforcement-of-interstate-embargo

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0840, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill regulates the importation, movement, or sale of noxious weeds that may harm Montana's horticultural, agricultural, forestry, livestock, wildlife or native plant communities.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. The Department of Agriculture will assume the cost of amending the statewide noxious weed list.
- 2. County weed districts will contain, control and eradicate noxious weeds infestation at the county level.
- 3. County weed districts will determine what is a native plant assemblage and file such information with the department.
- 4. County weed districts will adopt rules related to weeds and determine how these weeds will affect native plants, wildlife, forestry and horticulture.
- 5. All fees and fines levied by the act would be deposited into the state special revenue fund in accordance with 80-7-701.
- 6. General fund will be needed to supplement funding this inspection program.
- 7. Current field inspection staff would be unable to assume the additional inspection duties due to current workload.

 Assume additional 5.80 FTE field staff @ 5 x \$25,216 = \$126,080 grade 13, step 2; and 1.00 FTE clerical staff @ \$18,794 grade 9, step 2. Existing field office locations will be used.
- 8. Operating costs will include rules/printing @ \$1500 per year; office supplies/other expenses @ \$1200 and communication charges @ \$900.
- 9. Inspection fees will be assessed at a rate of \$20/hr. Estimate number of inspection hours @ 5,000 x \$20 = \$100,000 for the 1993 biennium.
- 10. Assume a mileage rate will be assessed to the applicant @ a rate of 26 cents/mile using motor pool or personal car. Estimate number of miles @ 5000 per inspector. 5 Inspectors x 5000 miles = 25,000 @ .26/mile = \$6500.
- 11. Per diem for lodging will be assessed to the applicant @ a rate of \$24.96 per night. 5 Inspectors x 12 = 60 nights x 5 = 300 nights @ \$24.96, totals \$7,488.
- 12. Meal rates will be assessed to the applicant @ a rate of \$14.50/day or \$3.50/day for day travel: $300 \times $14.50 = 4350 ; or $300 \times 3.50 = 1050 .
- 13. HB0840 would expand the current law from an interstate inspection program to an interstate/intra-state inspection program based on language in Section 80-7-701.

FISCAL IMPACT:

see next page

ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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EDWARD J. (ED) GRADY, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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Fiscal Note for HB0840, as introduced

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Agriculture:

	FY 92			FY 93		
Expenditures:	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
FTE	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	6.00
Personal Services	0	144,874	144,874	0	144,874	144,874
Operating Costs	0	27.988	<u>27,988</u>	0	22,988	22,988
Total	Ö	172,862	172,862	. 0	167,862	167,862
Funding:						
General Fund	0	113,168	113,168	0	48,474	48,474
Nox Weed/Seed Insp Fee (02)	0	59.694	<u>59,694</u>	0	<u>119,388</u>	<u>119.388</u>
Total	0	172,862	172,862	0 *	167,862	167,862
Impact to General Fund			(113,168)			(48,474)
Revenues:	0	E0 -60/.	50 604		110 200	110 200
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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

The effect on county weed districts would involve:

1. a) amending management plans (minimal impact); b) identification and control; and c) operational cost increases which are difficult to estimate because the weed may not be present in the county or, if it is present, the range of management options may be variable.

2. Additions of the weed into the county noxious weed management plan could involve incorporation of controls utilizing existing funds in most cases.

LONG RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Successful implementation will assist in the overall weed control in the state.