

HOUSE BILL NO. 876

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 876
2 INTRODUCED BY Abrams

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING TO COUNTY
5 NOXIOUS WEED FUNDS \$1,376,000 TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH COUNTY
6 IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE ACREAGE OF STATE-OWNED LAND
7 WITHIN EACH COUNTY."

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9 WHEREAS, noxious weeds are an ever-increasing problem
10 throughout the State of Montana; and

11 WHEREAS, the productivity and value of our lands have
12 decreased and will continue to decrease without effective
13 noxious weed control; and

14 WHEREAS, current county weed control programs are not
15 adequately funded to provide effective noxious weed control;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, \$1,376,000 represents only 5% of the income
18 received by the State of Montana from agricultural and
19 grazing leases and timber sales during fiscal years 1983 and
20 1984; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Montana has an obligation to
22 protect its renewable resources; and

23 WHEREAS, investment of this money now in effective
24 noxious weed control programs will help to conserve the
25 long-term value of state and private lands.

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from
4 the general fund to the Department of State Lands \$688,000
5 for fiscal year 1986 and \$688,000 for fiscal year 1987 to be
6 allocated to county noxious weed funds to be used for
7 controlling noxious weeds. The money must be allocated to
8 the noxious weed fund of each county in direct proportion to
9 the acreage of state-owned land within the county.

10 Section 2. Agreement between department of state lands
11 and county weed boards. The department of state lands must
12 enter into an agreement with the county weed board of each
13 county for the expenditure of all funds received under
14 section 1 consistent with the purposes of this act.

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