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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for emergency management of invasive  
1.3 species; appropriating money for invasive species management; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84D.02, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84D.02, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. **Contracts for services for emergency invasive species prevention work;**  
1.9 **commissions to persons employed.** The commissioner may contract for or accept the  
1.10 services of any persons whose aid is available, temporarily or otherwise, in emergency  
1.11 invasive species prevention work, either gratuitously or for compensation not in excess of  
1.12 the limits provided by law with respect to the employment of labor by the commissioner.  
1.13 The commissioner may issue a commission, or other written evidence of authority, to any  
1.14 person whose services are so arranged for and may thereby empower the person to act,  
1.15 temporarily or otherwise, in any other capacity, with powers and duties as may be specified  
1.16 in the commission or other written evidence of authority, but not in excess of the powers  
1.17 conferred by law. The commissioner of agriculture, under authority provided by law, must  
1.18 cooperate with the commissioner in emergency control of invasive species prevention.

1.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.20 Subdivision 1. **Terrestrial invasive plant management program.** \$650,000 in  
1.21 fiscal year 2008 and \$650,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund  
1.22 to the commissioner of natural resources to provide for a terrestrial plant invasive species  
1.23 management program for local governments and nonprofit organizations. Priority for

2.1 grants shall be based on those entities that provide a matching contribution. The funding  
2.2 is for the following components each year:

2.3 (1) \$150,000 to begin county cooperative weed management programs on natural  
2.4 lands and lands enrolled under the federal conservation reserve program;

2.5 (2) \$100,000 to counties and other local units of government to develop invasive  
2.6 plant species management systems;

2.7 (3) \$150,000 to restore native plants in selected invasive species management sites  
2.8 by providing local native seeds and plants to landowners for implementation;

2.9 (4) \$100,000 to support local units of government by providing equipment and  
2.10 services in assisting the public to participate in invasive species management;

2.11 (5) \$80,000 to local units of government for emergency situations to control new  
2.12 occurrences of high priority invasive species infestations;

2.13 (6) \$20,000 for local education efforts on the identification, control, and prevention  
2.14 of invasive species; and

2.15 (7) \$50,000 to encourage the creation of local neighborhood groups to eradicate and  
2.16 control invasive species.

2.17 Subd. 2. **Emergency management of invasive species.** \$350,000 in fiscal year  
2.18 2008 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund as an  
2.19 open appropriation to the commissioner of natural resources for controlling emergency  
2.20 infestations of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species under the authority of Minnesota  
2.21 Statutes, section 84D.02, subdivision 7. Any unencumbered balance in the first year does  
2.22 not cancel and is available for the second year.