

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/2/08

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to noxious weed, invasive plant and agricultural pest management and**
2 **education; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 03.05.027. Noxious weed, invasive plant, and agricultural pest**
6 **management and education.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall employ
7 or appoint a state coordinator for noxious weed, invasive plant, and agricultural pest
8 management and education.

9 (b) The state coordinator employed or appointed under (a) of this section shall
10 oversee the enforcement of state statutes and regulations regarding noxious weeds,
11 invasive plants, and agricultural pests and shall coordinate with state and federal
12 agencies, state land users, public groups, and private organizations to

13 (1) develop, implement, and annually review a comprehensive state
14 strategic plan; for the control of noxious weeds, invasive plants, and agricultural pests

1 the plan must include an early detection and rapid response system for invasive plants
2 consistent with federal guidelines;

3 (2) design and execute a geographically based plant and pest
4 management area program;

5 (3) develop and maintain a statewide database for mapping and
6 monitoring noxious weeds, invasive plants, and agricultural pests;

7 (4) develop integrated plant and pest management programs;

8 (5) regulate and control the entry into the state and transportation of
9 seeds, plants, and other horticultural products;

10 (6) contact and provide educational materials to state land users and
11 other audiences regarding noxious weed, invasive plant, and agricultural pest issues,
12 including identification, management, potential hazards, and landowner
13 responsibilities;

14 (7) accept contributions of service, materials, or equipment, and,
15 subject to appropriation of money from the United States or its agencies, from a
16 department or agency of the state, or from any other source for use in carrying out the
17 purposes of this section; and

18 (8) review and make recommendations to state departments and
19 agencies concerning revisions to state regulations and statutes, including revisions and
20 additions to state noxious weed lists.

21 (c) Each state department, agency, and institution shall cooperate with the
22 state coordinator employed or appointed under (a) of this section in carrying out the
23 tasks specified in (b) of this section.

24 (d) The state coordinator employed or appointed under (a) of this section shall
25 coordinate with the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service, the Alaska
26 Association of Conservation Districts' board of directors, and the Department of Fish
27 and Game in fulfilling the coordinator's responsibilities under (b) of this section.

28 * **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed.

29 * **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2011.