

Introduced by Senator Denham

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 7270 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to noxious weeds.

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SB 972, as introduced, Denham. Noxious weeds.

Existing law provides a noxious weed management program, and includes legislative findings and declarations concerning noxious weeds and their impacts.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7270 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:
3 7270. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
4 (a) The destructive impact of invasive and often poisonous
5 noxious weeds is profound, affecting California's cropland,
6 rangeland, forests, parks, and wildlands.
7 (b) These pests cause enormous losses of private, state, and
8 federal resources—~~through~~ *due to* decreased land productivity,
9 degradation of wildlife habitat, and outright destruction of crops,
10 livestock, wetlands, waterways, watersheds, and recreational
11 areas.
12 (c) The estimated lost crop productivity caused by noxious
13 weeds is seven billion four hundred million dollars



1 (\$7,400,000,000) nationwide, a large proportion of which is
2 attributable to California. Nationally, the direct and indirect costs
3 of controlling noxious weeds may be as high as five billion four
4 hundred million dollars (\$5,400,000,000) annually.

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