

Bill No.: HB0053 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**
LSO No.: **21LSO-0146**
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0012
Chapter No.: 2
Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Invasive plant species.**
Subject: Invasive plant species management and control.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The act creates duties for the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council based on the recommendations in the Governor's Invasive Species Initiative Report.
- In the act, the duties created for the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council are to provide support to county weed and pest control districts through:
 - Developing and implementing data systems to assist with decision making;
 - Assessing impacts of invasive plant species;
 - Coordinating with the University of Wyoming and other state agencies for support and educational outreach;
 - Working with federal partners;
 - Providing recommendations to the Joint Agriculture Committee on revisions to the funding model; and
 - Encouraging and incentivizing landscape-scale projects.
- The act draft also repeals a provision that limited special management programs to addressing only two weeds or pests at one time.

Comments:

- Creates/amends a major program by creating duties for greater cooperation between weed and pest districts through the Weed and Pest Council
- Requires a report to the Joint Appropriations Committee

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