

- 1 (c) wild and scenic resources in Title 76, chapter 12, MCA, and rangeland resources in Title 76,
2 chapter 14, MCA;
- 3 (d) administration of state lands in Title 77, chapter 1, parts 1 and 8, MCA;
- 4 (e) disease, pest, and weed control in Title 80, chapter 7, MCA;
- 5 (f) reclamation in Title 82, chapter 4, MCA;
- 6 (g) water use lease management in Title 85, chapter 1, part 8, MCA;
- 7 (h) Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks weed control on public lands in Title 87, chapters 1 and
8 5, MCA; and
- 9 (i) noxious weed management in Title 4, chapter 4.5, ARM;
- 10 (2) research currently available noxious weed control strategies, including herbicides, materials,
11 and equipment;
- 12 (3) examine how other states have incorporated noxious weed control in statute, including the
13 organization of statutes and the definitions involved, as well as enforcement, responsibilities, and penalties;
- 14 (4) propose legislation to:
- 15 (a) update terminology and definitions to be consistent with current industry standard practice; and
16 (b) modernize and reorganize archaic statute language for conformity with the Montana Bill
17 Drafting Manual; and
- 18 (5) collaborate on this issue with relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to:
- 19 (a) current and former Montana district weed coordinators for weed management districts
20 organized under section 7-22-2102, MCA;
- 21 (b) the Montana Weed Control Association;
- 22 (c) the Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council provided for in section 80-7-805, MCA;
- 23 (d) district weed boards created under section 7-22-2103, MCA;
- 24 (e) commercial applicators as defined in section 80-8-102, MCA;
- 25 (f) the Montana State University-Bozeman extension service;
- 26 (g) the Invasive Species Council established in section 2-15-3309, MCA;
- 27 (h) the Fish and Wildlife Commission established in section 2-15-3402, MCA;
- 28 (i) the State Parks and Recreation Board established in section 2-15-3406, MCA;

- 1 (j) the Department of Agriculture provided for in section 2-15-3001, MCA;
- 2 (k) the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation provided for in section 2-15-3301,
- 3 MCA;
- 4 (l) the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks provided for in section 2-15-3401, MCA; and
- 5 (m) representatives of each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
8 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2026.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
10 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 70th Legislature in the form of
11 introduced legislation.

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