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Mr. Speaker:

Your **AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 15, before "Ten" insert the subsection designation "A.".

2. On page 1, line 19, after "other" insert "non-native".

3. On page 1, line 21, after the period insert the following new sentence and paragraphs to read:

"In expending these funds, the districts shall ensure that:

(1) for each management project a management and native vegetation restoration plan are developed. The districts shall provide public notice of such plans and assessments and shall make them available to the public in district offices and on the internet at least fourteen days before project implementation begins;

(2) any aerial spraying of target areas shall be carried out by helicopter only after public notice;

(3) all projects shall be implemented in accordance with best management practices and with the management and native vegetation restoration plan;

(4) project areas are monitored for a period of at least four years after project implementation to determine any effects of the project on wildlife, water supplies, water quality, vegetation and soil health;

(5) reports on project implementation and monitoring shall be submitted to the legislature and shall be available to the public in district offices and on the internet; and

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(6) where a site involves threatened or endangered species, project proponents will take action to ensure compliance with applicable federal law and conformance with any duly enacted recovery plan.".

4. On page 1, line 21, before "Any" insert the subsection designation "B.",

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe M Stell, Chairman

Adopted _____(Chief Clerk) Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was <u>8</u> For <u>0</u> Against Yes: 8 Excused: None Absent: Regensberg

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