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Senate Bill 1464 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Mike Nofs

Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 359 of 1941 (which governs the control of noxious weeds) to include giant hogweed among the weeds that may be considered noxious, and refer to plants regarded as a nuisance by a township.

Currently, "noxious weeds" include Canada thistle, dodders, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed, poison ivy, poison sumac, and any other plant that the governing body of any county, city, or village regulated under the Act regards as a common nuisance.

The bill would add giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*), and any other plant that the governing body of a township regarded as a common nuisance.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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