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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**  
**Senator Anna Caballero, Chair**  
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**Bill No:** AB 2326 **Hearing Date:** 6/30/26  
**Author:** Committee on Agriculture  
**Version:** 6/8/26  
**Urgency:** No **Fiscal:** Yes  
**Consultant:** Reichel Everhart

**Subject:** Noxious weed management: Broomrape Program: extension

**SUMMARY:**

This bill would extend the operation of the Broomrape Program by 2 y ears, until July 1, 2030.

**BACKGROUND AND EXISTING LAW:**

Existing law:

- 1) Designates CDFA as the lead department in noxious weed management.
- 2) Requires CDFA, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, to implement provisions relating to noxious weed management.
- 3) Creates the Noxious Weed Management Account and requires moneys appropriated from the account for expenditure by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to be allocated, by percentage, for specified purposes, including, among others, 60% to eligible weed management areas or county agricultural commissioners for the control and abatement of noxious and invasive weeds, and 20% to qualified applicants, as defined, for research on the biology, ecology, or management of noxious and invasive weeds, the mapping, risk assessment, and prioritization of weeds, the prevention of weed introduction and spread, and education and outreach activities, as specified.
- 4) Requires a weed management area, as defined, to be formed in a county or other geographic area as a condition of eligibility for funds from the Noxious Weed Management Account. Existing law requires each weed management area or county agricultural commissioner to submit an integrated weed management plan to the department for review, approval, and funding. Existing law prohibits more than 10% of the noxious weed management funds distributed to a weed management area from being used for meeting, travel, administration, and coordination costs.

**PROPOSED LAW:**

This bill:

- 1) Makes the 60% of the moneys in the Noxious Weed Management Account allocated for the control and abatement of noxious and invasive weeds only available to eligible weed management areas, as provided.
- 2) Revises the requirements for an integrated weed management plan submitted by a weed management area to include specific goals and purposes, as provided.
- 3) Revises the definition of “qualified applicant” for purposes of the 20% of the moneys in the account allocated for research and other purposes.
- 4) Specifies that a given geographic area may only be part of a single weed management area and would prohibit more than 25%, rather than 10%, of the noxious weed management funds distributed to a weed management area from being used for meeting, travel, administration, and coordination costs.

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:** According to the author:

“This bill extend the Broomrape control program, a industry funded program to eradicate a noxious weed that can have a devastating impact on tomatoes in California. The bill will also update aspects of the noxious weed management.”

**ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:**

None received

**PRIOR ACTIONS:**

Assembly Floor:	78 - 0
Assembly Appropriations Committee:	15 - 0
Assembly Agriculture Committee:	8 - 0

**SUPPORT:**

None received

**OPPOSITION:**

None received