
THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2326
Author: Committee on Agriculture
Amended: 8/13/26 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: 5-0, 6/30/26

AYES: Caballero, Alvarado-Gil, Ashby, McNerney, Padilla

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: 7-0, 8/13/26

AYES: Cervantes, Seyarto, Cabaldon, Dahle, Grayson, Richardson, Wahab

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0, 5/26/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Noxious weed management: Broomrape Program: extension

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill extends the operation of the Broomrape Program within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) until July 1, 2030 and make specified changes to the Program.

ANALYSIS:

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.

This bill:

- 1) Makes 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.
- 5) Defines “person” for purposes of this program as a producer, handler, or any other entity that holds title to a commodity subject to assessment pursuant to these provisions.
 - a) Defines “commodity” for these purposes as tomatoes intended for processing and any other commodity impacted by broomrape, as specified by the secretary.
- 6) Extends the operation of the Broomrape Program until July 1, 2030.
- 7) Specifies that personal identifying information is protected under the program but still available for enforcement purposes.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: Yes

According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations:

“The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) would incur ongoing annual costs to CDFA in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to continue operating the Broomrape Program until July 1, 2030 (Broomrape Management Account).”

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/14/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/14/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

“This bill extends 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

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0, 5/26/26

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Muratsuchi, Celeste Rodriguez

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