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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for Japanese knotweed remediation;
1.3 imposing a temporary surcharge on nursery stock growers and dealers.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; RESIDENTIAL REMEDIATION.

1.6 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the nursery and phytosanitary account
1.7 in the agricultural fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants that reimburse a person's
1.8 reasonable and documented costs to control or eradicate Japanese knotweed on residential
1.9 land owned or occupied by the person. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.10 Sec. 2. TRANSFER; LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMEDIATION.

1.11 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 is transferred from the nursery and phytosanitary account
1.12 to the noxious weed and invasive plant species assistance account in the agricultural fund.
1.13 With the proceeds of this transfer, the commissioner must award grants to local units of
1.14 government and tribal weed management entities under Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90
1.15 for Japanese knotweed control or eradication. This is a onetime transfer.

1.16 Sec. 3. TEMPORARY NURSERY INDUSTRY SURCHARGE.

1.17 In calendar year 2020, the commissioner of agriculture must impose a surcharge on
1.18 certified nursery stock growers and dealers. This surcharge is in addition to the annual
1.19 certification fees required under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18H. The commissioner must
1.20 structure the surcharge to raise no more than \$300,000, with surcharge amounts for certified
1.21 nursery stock growers based on acreage, and surcharge amounts for certified nursery stock

- 2.1 dealers based on sales. The commissioner must deposit surcharge revenue in the nursery
- 2.2 and phytosanitary account.