

**HB 1654-S2 - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)

Requires the state noxious weed control board to conduct a pilot project that evaluates the advantages of purposefully replacing pollen and nectar-rich noxious weeds with either native or noninvasive, nonnative forage plants that can produce similar levels of pollen and nectar to support honey bee populations.

Requires state agencies, while conducting planned projects, to give preference to replacing pollen-rich or nectar-rich noxious weeds with native forage plants that are beneficial for all pollinators, including honey bees.

Requires any corps project that involves the removal of noxious weeds to include the planting of pollen-rich and nectar-rich native plants to provide forage for all pollinators, including honey bees.