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## Summary

This bill would authorize the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to control or eradicate nonnative Phragmites in the same manner that the agency manages purple loosestrife under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law.

In part, this means that the DNR would be responsible for the control and eradication of nonnative Phragmites in most public waters and wetlands and could cross private land to investigate, control, or eradicate nonnative Phragmites after notifying the owner or occupant of the land. The DNR's responsibility to manage nonnative Phragmites and authority to enter private lands would end ten days after a landowner assumes full responsibility for controlling and eradicating these weeds.

According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), nonnative Phragmites are aggressive, invasive common reeds responsible for displacing native common reeds in Minnesota and elsewhere.

MDA added nonnative Phragmites to the state's prohibited-control list in 2013. The agency added purple loosestrife to the same list in 1992. Under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law, public land managers and private landowners must manage or prevent the maturation and spread of nonnative Phragmites, purple loosestrife, and the 14 other weeds on the state's prohibited-control list.