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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**This bill would allow a township or city to adopt an ordinance requiring the control of buckthorn on all public and private property. Currently, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) lists buckthorn as a “restricted noxious weed.” As such, the state and local government units cannot require landowners to eradicate buckthorn. Instead, the state attempts to stop the spread of buckthorn and other restricted noxious weeds by prohibiting the import, sale and transportation of these weeds without a permit issued by the MDA.**