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This bill, as amended, would require notification of adjacent land owners/occupants when certain noxious weeds are first discovered. The notification would be performed by the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, or a county or township official responsible for noxious weed law enforcement.

If an employee of University of Minnesota Extension discovered the weed, the employee would be required to notify the Department of Agriculture and the department would notify the adjacent land owners/occupants.

Notification would be required within four business days of a weed discovery and would apply only to those weeds classified by the Department of Agriculture under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law as “prohibited – eradicate.” Under current law, prohibited – eradicate weeds are those that are not yet widely established and must be eradicated to prevent their maturation and spread (Minn. Stat. § 18.771, para. (b)). Examples include Palmer amaranth, Oriental bittersweet, and Grecian foxglove.