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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6333

BILL NUMBER: HB 1358

DATE PREPARED: Nov 20, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Destruction of Noxious Weeds.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a county weed control board that refers the destruction of noxious weeds to a township trustee to pay for the cutting or destruction of the weeds.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Relevant Data:* Current statute provides that if a county has established a county weed control board, the township trustee may notify the county weed control board of real estate containing noxious weeds. The weed control board either assumes jurisdiction to control the noxious weeds or declines jurisdiction and refers the matter back to the township trustee. If the matter is referred back to the township trustee and if a landowner fails to destroy the noxious weeds in the time period allowed in the statute then the township trustee has the authority to destroy the noxious weeds. The cost to the township for destroying the weeds is either recovered directly from the landowner or added to the real estate taxes and paid when the real estate taxes are paid. The county weed control board incurs no expense when the matter is referred to the township trustee.

Analysis: This bill would require the county weed control board to reimburse the township for the destruction of the noxious weeds. The payment to the township trustee would be paid from the county general fund unless the county has established a separate fund for the county weed control board. The county weed control board would then follow the existing procedure for recovering the cost paid to the township for the destruction of the noxious weeds.

Center Township in Marion County reports an average lien of \$220 that may be placed to weed a property.

This estimate includes an average cost of \$70 to weed the property, a \$140 administration fee, and a \$10 treasury fee.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County weed control board; Township trustee.

Information Sources: Jody McCormick, City of Indianapolis Weed Ordinance Enforcement Department, 327-4982.