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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Brookfield, Bancroft of Westford,
Buckholz of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of
Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, and
Ode of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; invasive species; best management practices

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets annually to publish an assessment
of the impact or effect of invasive species on the agricultural economy. The
bill would also require the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to
publish best practices that State and municipal agencies or government can
implement to control the introduction or spread of invasive species in the State.

An act relating to invasive species management

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 1030 is amended to read:

§ 1030. DEFINITIONS

Whenever used or referred to in this chapter, unless a different meaning
clearly appears from the context:

1 (b) Best practices. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall
2 publish best practices that State and municipal agencies or government can
3 implement to control the introduction or spread of invasive species in the State.

4 (c) Report. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets annually shall
5 submit to the House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and the Senate
6 Committee on Agriculture a report that includes the assessment required under
7 subsection (a) of this section and that summarizes implementation of the best
8 practices published under subsection (b) of this section.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.