

Legislative Success

Legislation related to Weed Control

LB 701, May 1, 2007 – 100th Legislature, Senator Carlson, 38, Senator Christensen, 44

- To address existing problems the Nebraska legislature passed bills in 2007 and 2008 allocating **4 million dollars** to help control invasive vegetation in Nebraska riparian corridors.
- Allocated money was distributed to local Weed Management Areas (WMAs) through the Department of Agriculture.
- The legislative allocation enabled work to be done but also allowed local WMA's to match state money with local partners and other grant sources, namely the Nebraska Environmental Trust, to over **18 million dollars** cumulative dollars spent on the ground from 2007 – 2014.
- The initial state dedicated money was instrumental in starting the work within riparian zones that has increased flow conveyance, increased wildlife habitat and increased available water for human uses by reducing consumption from invasive vegetation.
- Since the passage of LB 701 over 2,800 miles along Nebraska's rivers and streams have been treated for invasive vegetation.

LB 142, March 5, 2015 – 104th Legislature, Senator Schilz 47

- The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is created. Funds identified to support the program shall be used for aquatic invasive species activities which may include monitoring and sampling waters of the state for aquatic invasive species, hiring personnel, purchasing equipment to inspect and decontaminate conveyances, providing additional enforcement, education, and research relating to aquatic invasive species, and conducting aquatic invasive species projects as needed.

LB 636, 103rd Legislature, Senator Wallman, 30

- Testified against this bill that would have restricted the application of certain herbicides.

LR 309, Senator Schilz, 47 and Agriculture Committee

- Participated on the committee to examine means to minimize conflicts resulting from phenoxy herbicides and sensitive crops.