

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Specialist**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Holvey

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On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Agriculture to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for an America the Beautiful Challenge grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 over a five-year period, to support an Aquatic Noxious Weeds Specialist position, as well as contracted services.

This funding opportunity would support establishment of a limited duration position to focus on the protection and conservation of water resources, and develop an invasive aquatic weed management strategy, emphasizing intergovernmental collaboration. Additionally, the grant would fund contracted services to assist with collaborative projects involving state, federal and local partners. This is a competitive grant with a state match requirement of 10%, which will be met through the in-kind work of Department staff and partners.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.