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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 78, L.D. 87, "Resolve, to Create a Greenhouse Gas Registry"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Greenhouse gas registry. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules to create a voluntary registry of greenhouse gas emissions and reductions. The rules must provide for the collection of data on the origin of the carbon emissions as either fossil fuel or renewable resources, on the extent of any reductions in those emissions and on production activity to allow the tracking of future emission trends. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to the creation of a voluntary registry of greenhouse gas emissions. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies that the greenhouse gas registry created by the Department of Environmental Protection must provide for the collection of data on reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as well as on the origin of those emissions and on production activity to allow tracking of future emission trends.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.