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NATURAL RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1328, L.D. 1806, Bill, "An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2133, sub-§2-B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 779, §3, is further amended to read:

2-B. Household hazardous waste collection. The office may, within available resources, award grants to eligible municipalities, regional associations, sanitary districts and sewer districts for household hazardous waste collection and disposal programs. In implementing this program, the office shall attempt to:

- A. Coordinate the household hazardous waste collection programs with overall recycling and waste management;
B. Encourage regional economies of scale;
C. Coordinate programs between private and public institutions;
D. Maximize opportunities for federal grants and pilot programs; and

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2 E. By January 1, 2002 and as necessary thereafter, fund  
3 capital improvements and operating expenses to facilitate  
4 the development of collection programs throughout the State  
5 for hazardous waste that is universal waste, as identified  
6 in board rules, generated by households, small-quantity  
7 generators, public schools and municipalities.

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9 Preference in allocating resources under this subsection must be  
10 given to municipalities that participate in a household hazardous  
11 waste collection region as defined in subsection 2-D.

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13 At a minimum, the office shall award grants to public schools and  
14 municipalities for reasonable costs incurred as a result of  
15 managing waste mercury-added products generated by those public  
16 schools and municipalities, in compliance with the requirements  
17 in sections 1663 and 1664, that would not otherwise be incurred  
18 by complying with existing laws, rules or regulations as of July  
19 15, 2002.

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21 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2133, sub-§2-D is enacted to read:**

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23 2-D. Preference for other state grants and investments.  
24 When awarding grants or making a discretionary investment under  
25 any of the programs under paragraphs A and B, a state agency  
26 shall give preference to a municipality that is part of a  
27 household hazardous waste collection region. For purposes of  
28 this subsection, "household hazardous waste collection region"  
29 means a region made up of 2 or more municipalities that work  
30 together to establish a collection center to accept the household  
31 hazardous waste of residents of each municipality for disposal on  
32 a year-round basis. This subsection applies to:

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34 A. Programs that assist in the acquisition of land for  
35 conservation, natural resource protection, open space or  
36 recreational facilities under Title 5, chapter 353; and

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38 B. Programs intended to:

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40 (1) Accommodate or encourage additional growth and  
41 development;

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43 (2) Improve, expand or construct public facilities; or

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45 (3) Acquire land for conservation or management of  
46 specific economic and natural resource concerns.

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48 This subsection does not apply to state grants or other  
49 assistance for sewage treatment facilities, public health  
50 programs or education.

2 The office shall work with state agencies to prepare mechanisms  
4 for establishing preferences in specific investment and grant  
6 programs as described in paragraphs A and B.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment requires state agencies awarding grants or making discretionary investments under certain programs to give preference to a municipality that is part of a household hazardous waste collection region for the purpose of establishing collection centers to accept household hazardous waste for disposal by residents on a year-round basis.