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L.D. 72

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 68, L.D. 72, Bill, "An Act To Promote Sound Science in Climate Change Policy"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Review Climate Change Policy Effectiveness'

Further 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 §578, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 237, §1, is amended to read:

§578. Progress evaluation

By January 1, 2006 and by that date every 2 years thereafter, the department shall evaluate the State's progress toward meeting the reduction goals specified in section 576, review the cost-effectiveness of the actions taken toward meeting the reduction goals and shall amend the action plan as necessary to ensure that the State can meet the reduction goals. The department shall submit a report of its evaluation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 1, 2006 and by that date every 2 years thereafter. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters is authorized to report out legislation relating to the evaluation to the second regular session of any Legislature. Starting no earlier than January 1, 2008, the department may recommend to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters that the reduction goals specified in section 576 be increased or decreased.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment is the majority report. The amendment
8 replaces the bill and changes its title. It directs the
10 Department of Environmental Protection to include in its biennial
12 climate change evaluation a review of the cost-effectiveness of
14 the actions taken toward meeting the greenhouse gas emissions
reduction goals. It also requires the department to submit a
report of its evaluation to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters
and it authorizes the committee to report out legislation
relating to the evaluation to the second regular session of any
Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Promote Sound Science in Climate Change Policy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Environmental Protection will absorb the costs associated with this legislation utilizing existing budgeted resources.