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14	SENATE 122ND LEGISLATURE	
16	FIRST SPEC	IAL SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A. t	o S.P. 477, L.D. 1379, Bill, "An
20	Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy	gy Act"
22		out everything after the enacting and inserting in its place the
24	following:	
26	'Sec.1. 35-A MRSA §3404 is enacted to read:	
28	§3404. Determination of public	policy
30		the State that its political c officials take every reasonable
32	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	raction of appropriately sited ent consistent with high
34	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ermitting and financing of wind ting, permitting, financing and
36	construction of wind energy rese where appropriate.	earch and manufacturing facilities
38	Sec. 2. Community wind; En	ergy Resources Council examination.
40		hall undertake an examination of ration commonly referred to as
42	"community wind." The council s	hall:
44	1. Develop a definition of	"community wind";
46	and experts with respect to co	rmation from appropriate agencies mmunity wind, including, but not
48	limited to, its feasibility, impediments to its development and the need for and options for providing incentives for its	
50	development;	-

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A" to S.P. 477, L.D. 1379

 Determine what measures, if any, are required to address any impediments to the attraction and development of community
wind projects in the State;

 6 4. Develop recommendations for any appropriate changes to laws or rules or for the establishment of any financial
8 incentives necessary to attract and develop appropriately sited community wind projects in the State that are consistent with
10 high environmental standards; and

 5. Provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later
than January 13, 2006.

16 The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may report out legislation on the subject of community wind to the 18 Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.'

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#### **SUMMARY**

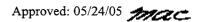
This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, replaces the bill. This amendment establishes as the policy of the State that its political subdivisions, agencies and public officials take every reasonable action to encourage the attraction of appropriately sited wind-energy-related development consistent with high environmental standards; the permitting and financing of wind energy projects; and the siting, permitting, financing and construction of wind energy research and manufacturing facilities where appropriate.

34 This amendment also directs the Energy Resources Council to study and report on the type of electricity generation referred 36 to as "community wind." The council is directed to provide a report of its findings and recommendations by January 13, 2006. 38 The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy is authorized to report out legislation regarding community wind to 40 the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT





## **122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A' Committee: Utilities and Energy Fiscal Note Required: Yes Majority Report

### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Energy Resources Council, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.