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Date: 6/10/15

Majority

L.D. 1221
(Filing No. H-386)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 839, L.D. 1221, Bill, "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 4.

Amend the bill in section 5 in §10204 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 6, lines 19 and 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Efficiency Maine Trust funds. To the extent federal funds are inadequate to meet the funding needs of the office, the office may receive up to \$300,000 from the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in section 10103, but only for that portion of the office's activities that support or reasonably relate to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The commissioner shall keep an accounting of the office's resources devoted to its various duties and activities, including that portion of its resources devoted to activities in support of or reasonably related to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The commissioner shall provide the accounting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters as part of its annual report under section 10205, subsection 3. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs with regard to any proposed allocation of the Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the office. In accordance with any legislative allocation or deallocation of Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the office, the commissioner shall request from the Efficiency Maine Trust and the trust shall provide the allocated resources to the office.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Governor's Energy Office Z122

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 839, L.D. 1221

1 Initiative: Provides funds to establish a new Deputy Commissioner position and related
2 costs.

3	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
4	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
5	Personal Services	\$87,983	\$89,840
6	All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$90,483</u>	<u>\$92,340</u>
9			

10 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
11 section number to read consecutively.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment removes
14 section 2 of the bill, which changes the process for the appointment of the Director of the
15 Efficiency Maine Trust. This amendment also removes section 4 of the bill, which
16 clarifies that the procurement cap is to apply to the total retail electricity supply and
17 transmission and distribution sales in the State. Lastly, it specifies that Efficiency Maine
18 Trust funds provided to fund the Maine Energy Office may only be used for office
19 activities that support or are reasonably related to programs or activities of the Efficiency
20 Maine Trust.

21 This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 (See attached)



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LD 1221

LR 207(02)

An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-386)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Transfer from Efficiency Maine Trust to Maine Energy Office

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$90,483	\$92,340	\$95,934	\$99,671
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$90,483	\$92,340	\$95,934	\$99,671

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill renames the Governor's Energy Office as the Maine Energy Office (MEO). It allows for the MEO to receive up to \$300,000 in total from the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) for MEO activities that support or reasonably relate to programs or activities of the EMT. This fiscal note assumes the MEO will be able to justify transfer of the full \$300,000 over time. No estimate is made of how long it will take to receive the full amount. This bill also establishes a Deputy Commissioner position to be appointed by the Governor. The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the MEO of \$90,483 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$92,340 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the establishment of this Deputy Commissioner position and related costs.