

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 381

House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

### Resolve, Regarding the Promotion of Composting

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Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.  
Cosponsored by Senator FOLEY of York and  
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HOBBS of Wells, KINNEY of Knox, TUCKER of  
Brunswick, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CARSON of Cumberland,  
CHENETTE of York.

1           **Sec. 1. Composting study. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental  
2 Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall study the  
3 feasibility of establishing incentives or mandates to promote composting in the State.  
4 The study must include but is not limited to:

5                 1. The feasibility of enacting legislation modeled on the composting laws of  
6 Massachusetts and Vermont;

7                 2. Consideration of relevant legislative proposals and actions in the United States  
8 Congress related to composting;

9                 3. Consideration of relevant policies in other states, particularly in other New  
10 England states; and

11                4. Conformance of goals with the State's solid waste management hierarchy as set  
12 out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2101.

13           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by February 15, 2020, the Department of  
14 Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
15 shall submit a joint report of their findings and recommendations under section 1,  
16 together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on  
17 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on  
18 Environment and Natural Resources. The committees may submit legislation relating to  
19 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

20                                   **SUMMARY**

21           This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection and the  
22 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study the feasibility of  
23 establishing incentives or mandates to promote composting in the State. The departments  
24 are required to submit a joint report of their findings and recommendations, together with  
25 any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,  
26 Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and  
27 Natural Resources, which may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second  
28 Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.