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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1033, L.D. 1420, "Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Current Status and Future Sustainability of Aquaculture in the State"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council shall provide staffing assistance to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.'

Amend the resolve in section 7 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 3, lines 9 to 11 in L.D.)

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

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that the Legislative Council is required to provide staffing assistance to the task force instead of requiring that the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection provide the assistance as in the resolve. It also removes the requirement that the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection post the interim and final reports on their publicly accessible websites.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/13/19 *MAC*

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1420

LR 906(02)

**Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Current Status and Future Sustainability of
Aquaculture in the State**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-356)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,250 in fiscal year 2019-20. An estimated \$6,190 is available in each of fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 in the Legislature's proposed budget for legislative studies as well as any balances from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Maine System to serve on the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.