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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1166, L.D. 1614, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "13" and inserting the following: '14'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 1, lines 13 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Four public members, one of whom must be from the northern part of the State, appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

- A. A representative of the energy storage industry;
- B. A representative of the hydroelectric energy storage industry;
- C. A representative of an electric utility in the State; and
- D. An academic in the field of energy storage;

4. Four public members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

- A. A representative of a conservation organization;
- B. A representative of a business that uses significant electric power in the State;
- C. A representative of a large-scale energy storage owner; and
- D. A representative of a small-scale energy storage owner; and

5. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee.'

Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the resolve in section 5 by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

'5. Review economically efficient and effective implementation approaches to energy storage targets;

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1 6. Consider bring-your-own-device programs that offer credits for sharing stored
2 energy with electric utilities and storm outage and response management programs for
3 behind-the-meter energy storage to reduce peak reduction and increase resiliency; and'

4 Amend the resolve in section 5 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

5 Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting the following:

6 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the
7 Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except
8 that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular
9 or special session.

10 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 4, 2019, the commission
11 shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
12 Technology that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
13 legislation. The report may consider a review of economically efficient and effective
14 implementation approaches for energy storage targets. The suggested legislation must
15 include, but is not limited to, adopting procurement targets for the State for energy
16 storage systems, both behind a customer meter and connected to transmission and
17 distribution facilities, if proven beneficial for ratepayers in the cost-benefit analysis under
18 section 5.'

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

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment makes the following changes to the resolve:

23 1. It increases the membership of the Commission To Study the Economic,
24 Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry
25 from 13 to 14, adding the Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee as a
26 member, and requires one of the public members appointed by the President of the Senate
27 to be from the northern part of the State;

28 2. It removes the limitation that the members representing energy storage owners
29 specifically represent battery storage owners;

30 3. It amends the duties of the commission to include a review of economically
31 efficient and effective implementation approaches to energy storage targets and
32 consideration of bring-your-own-device programs and storm outage and response
33 management programs for behind-the-meter energy storage to reduce peak reduction and
34 increase resiliency;

35 4. It removes certain language regarding invited staff support from state agencies;
36 and

37 5. It directs the commission to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on
38 Energy, Utilities and Technology.

39 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

40 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-433)*

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,750 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

Any additional costs for the departments and agencies participating in the work of the commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.