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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 556, L.D. 1691, Bill, "An Act To Ban Use of Aerial Herbicide Spraying for the Purpose of Deforestation"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Work with the Forest Products Industry To Monitor Aerial Herbicide Applications'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Monitoring of aerial herbicide applications. Resolved: That the Board of Pesticides Control, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-B, shall work with representatives of the forest products industry who conduct aerial application of herbicides for the purpose of silviculture, including reforestation, regeneration or vegetation control, to monitor aerial applications of herbicides through a neutral 3rd-party entity determined by the board. The one-time monitoring of aerial applications required under this section is contingent upon the receipt of outside funds for this purpose. The board shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with findings and recommendations related to the monitoring of aerial herbicide application no later than February 1, 2020. The monitoring of aerial applications of herbicides must conclude upon submission of the report to the joint standing committee. The joint standing committee may submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The amendment requires the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with representatives of the forest products industry over the next several months to monitor

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 556, L.D. 1691 (S-262)

1 aerial applications of herbicides through a neutral 3rd-party entity determined by the
2 board and at the cost of the forest products industry.

3 The amendment requires the board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on
4 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2020.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1691

LR 2266(02)

An Act To Ban Use of Aerial Herbicide Spraying for the Purpose of Deforestation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "H" (S-262)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as a result of coordination with the forest products industry to monitor aerial pesticide applications of herbicide through a neutral 3rd party entity are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.