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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 46, L.D. 29, "Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Limitation on removal of tracks. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation may not remove any portion of the railroad tracks described in section 1 or 2 for which there is a pending request for proposals application from a train company or any other commercial enterprise proposing to use that portion of the railroad tracks.

Sec. 4. Use of state funding or state bonds prohibited. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation may not use funding provided by the State or funding obtained through the sale of bonds issued by the State for the purposes of removing railroad tracks pursuant to section 1 or 2.1

20 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or 21 section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A." The amendment prohibits the Department of Transportation from removing any portion of railroad track for which there is a pending request for proposals application from a train company or any other commercial enterprise proposing to use that portion of the railroad tracks. The amendment also prohibits the department from using any funding provided by the State or funding obtained through the sale of bonds issued by the State for the purposes of removing the railroad tracks that the department is directed to remove under the resolve and committee

amendment. SPONSORED BY:

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HOUSE AMENDMENT



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Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council

Fiscal Note for House Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment "A" (H-126) Sponsor: Rep. Montell of Gardiner Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - Highway Fund Potential current biennium savings - Bond Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment includes provisions that restrict the use of state funding and state authorized bonds to remove the tracks. These provisions could potentially create savings in Highway Fund costs and bond funding costs as the result of not using these funds for this purpose.