

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 305, L.D. 451, "An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 44-A in §4421 in subsection 4 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "generator" the following: ', except that "solar energy development" does not include a solar energy system with a nameplate capacity of 100 kilowatts or less that is collocated with a residential customer'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Hydrogeologist positions, 4 Environmental Specialist II positions and one Senior Environmental Hydrogeologist position and associated All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$998,304	\$1,076,003
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,043,304</b>	<b>\$1,121,003</b>

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

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the definition of "solar energy development" to except from the requirements of the bill solar energy systems with a nameplate capacity of 100 kilowatts or less that are collocated with a residential customer. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 451****LR 444(02)****An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**  
**Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,043,304	\$1,121,003	\$1,140,049	\$1,186,362
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,043,304	\$1,121,003	\$1,140,049	\$1,186,362

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill establishes certain rules for testing for PFAS contamination at solar and wind energy development sites. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has indicated that implementing the requirements of this bill can not be completed within existing resources and that additional staffing will be required. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,043,304 to the DEP starting in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Senior Environmental Hydrogeologist, four Hydrogeologist, four Environmental Specialist II positions, and associated position costs.