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Date: 4/23/25 Minority L.D. 502 (Filing No. H-68)

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 331, L.D. 502, "An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$104,480	\$112,482
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$109,480	\$117,482

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/08/25 *LRL*

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 502

LR 1010(02)

An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the emissions standards for outdoor wood boilers and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt new rules regarding their use. The DEP has indicated that these changes cannot be completed within existing resources and that additional staffing is required. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to DEP of \$109,480 starting in fiscal year 2025-26 and increasing to \$117,482 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.