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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. 414, L.D. 646, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution"

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

'Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 2nd indented paragraph in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "How to Address Unregulated" and inserting the following: 'Unmanaged'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "How to Address Unregulated" and inserting the following: 'Unmanaged'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Two representatives of environmental or community groups" and inserting the following: 'One representative of an environmental group'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

'4. One representative who is an engineer with expertise in the design and implementation of storm water planning for development purposes, appointed by the President of the Senate;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "engineer or representative from a soil and water conservation district" and inserting the following: 'representative of the development industry'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 6 and 7 and inserting the following:

'7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 8 in the last line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 414, L.D. 646

1 Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.)
2 by striking out the following: "designee." and inserting the following: 'designee; and'

3 Amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 9 the following:

4 '10. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee.'

5 Amend the resolve in section 2 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

6 Amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all of subsections 1 to 4 (page 2, lines
7 10 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

8 '1. Compile and review data regarding the actual and potential effects of storm water
9 pollution on public and environmental health;

10 2. Identify and develop strategies to address knowledge gaps that hinder the State's
11 ability to craft law, policy and other responses to mitigate storm water pollution;

12 3. Identify pollutants of concern that are not effectively managed through state and
13 federal storm water laws and rules, including, but not limited to, chloride pollution, and
14 recommend strategies to address those identified pollutants;

15 4. Identify and recommend strategies to address storm water pollution associated with
16 development that is not effectively managed through state and federal storm water laws
17 and rules, including through the municipal separate storm sewer system general permitting
18 process, or through other regulatory tools; and'

19 Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.)
20 by inserting after the following: "health," the following: 'water quality,'

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

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment changes the name of the legislative study commission proposed in the
25 resolve to the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution and makes changes
26 to the membership and duties of that commission.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 646

LR 889(02)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,750 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over 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

Additional costs for the departments of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources and Transportation and for the municipality representative to participate in the work of the commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.