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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 370, L.D. 837, "An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan"

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

'An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be Consistent with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Obligations'

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 79, §2, is amended to read:

10. Independent representation of the interests of the using and consuming public. The Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority under this chapter, shall exercise independent judgment to ensure the position:

A. Is consistent with the priorities established in section 1702-A and the requirements of this chapter; ~~and~~

B. Promotes stabilization and lowering of prices paid by those members of the using and consuming public whose interests the Public Advocate is representing; and

C. Is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations established in Title 38, section 576-A.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority, to exercise independent judgment to ensure that the Public Advocate's position is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 04/02/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 837

LR 1368(02)

An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of the Public Advocate to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.