

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**132ND LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 527, L.D. 1297, "Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels"

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

**'Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels and Other Products'**

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and**

**Whereas, the Legislature finds it is important to explore the feasibility of new opportunities for agricultural producers in Maine, to enhance on-farm efficiencies and to expand new markets while contributing to the growth of rural economies in Maine; and**

**Whereas, this legislation establishes the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels and Other Products; and**

**Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels and Other Products to conduct its work as soon as possible so that it may report back to the Legislature by December 3, 2025; and**

**Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'**

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Biofuels" the following: 'and Other Products'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 4 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1297

LR 1642(02)

**Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)**  
**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

### Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 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 to the University of Maine System for a representative of the University of Maine at Presque Isle to serve on the committee can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.