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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1187, L.D. 1776, "An Act to Establish the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex"

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

'Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing Environmental Management System Protocols to Address Occupational Health and Safety Within the State House Complex'

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

'Sec. 1. Environmental Management System Protocols Working Group. Resolved: That the Environmental Management System Protocols Working Group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is established to study the feasibility of establishing environmental management system protocols to address the occupational health and safety of Legislators, legislative and executive branch staff and the public within the State House complex.

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group membership is as follows:

1. Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. A member representing an association of executive branch and other public employees, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. A member representing a state indoor air quality organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. A member representing an international society of heating, refrigerating and air-conditioning professionals who is a mechanical engineer, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. A member representing occupational health and safety professionals, appointed by the President of the Senate;

1 7. A member representing a registered lobby with knowledge or expertise in public
2 health, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3 8. A member representing the Board of Occupational Safety and Health, as established
4 by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 24, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5 9. A member who is an architect with historic architectural experience who is
6 associated with a national professional organization for licensed architects and other
7 construction industry professionals, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8 10. A member representing a historic preservation organization in the State, appointed
9 by the Speaker of the House; and

10 11. The Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of
11 Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee.

12 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of General Services
13 within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee
14 and the member representing the Board of Occupational Safety and Health, as established
15 by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 24, serve as cochairs of the working group.

16 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved:** That all
17 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
18 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
19 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
20 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group. If 30 days or more
21 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
22 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for
23 the working group to meet and conduct its business.

24 **Sec. 5. Compensation. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, members
25 of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group, but
26 legislative members may receive the legislative per diem.

27 **Sec. 6. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall study the feasibility of
28 establishing environmental management system protocols for identifying and assessing
29 environmental health concerns related the occupational health and safety of Legislators,
30 legislative and executive branch staff and the public within the State House complex. The
31 environmental management system protocols may include, but are not limited to, a
32 framework for identifying and assessing environmental health concerns, implementing
33 environmental improvement action, informing budget decisions related to the
34 implementing of suggestions made by the working group and monitoring and evaluating
35 activities directed toward achieving goals identified by the working group. For purposes
36 of this resolve, "environmental management system" means a system described in "ISO
37 14001, Environmental management systems" published by the International Organization
38 for Standardization.

39 **Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall provide
40 necessary staffing services to the working group.

41 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the working group
42 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
43 legislation, to the State House facilities committee. The State House facilities committee

1 may submit legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the
2 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

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

5 SUMMARY

6 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It establishes the Environmental
7 Management System Protocols Working Group to study the feasibility of establishing
8 environmental management system protocols to address the occupational health and safety
9 of Legislators, legislative and executive branch staff and the public within the State House
10 complex. The working group is required to submit a report that includes its findings and
11 recommendations to the State House facilities committee, which is authorized to submit
12 legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

13 SPONSORED BY: Karen A. Montell

14 (Representative MONTELL, K.)

15 TOWN: Gardiner

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1776****LR 2217(03)****An Act to Establish the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex****Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Original Bill (H-587)****Sponsor: Rep. Montell of Gardiner****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note**Legislative Cost/Study**

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$96,387)	(\$131,992)	(\$136,941)	(\$142,083)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$96,387)	(\$131,992)	(\$136,941)	(\$142,083)

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$5,850 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.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Replacing the ongoing Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex with a one-time Environmental Management System Protocol working group will eliminate the ongoing General Fund appropriations in the bill of \$96,387 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$131,992 in fiscal year 2026-27 due to the Department of Labor no longer needing one half-time Labor Program Specialist position and one half-time Statistician II position to provide staffing and other support to the board. Additional costs to the Department of Labor to staff the working group without affecting other programs and services can not be determined at this time.

Any additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to serve on the working group are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.