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Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Reduces funding for Maine Clean Election Act candidates.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$353,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$353,000)	\$0

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CHAPTER 129

H.P. 1023 - L.D. 1470

Resolve, To Recognize Women Veterans in the State House Hall of Flags

Sec. 1. Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to establish working group. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall establish a working group to arrange for a plaque to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House to honor women veterans of the State. The working group shall consult with the State House and Capitol Park Commission and the Legislative Council to develop a design and choose a site for the plaque to be displayed in the State House Hall of Flags; and be it further

Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services in coordination with the working group established under section 1 may accept outside sources of funding to contract for the design and construction of the plaque. The director shall provide prompt notice of solicitation and acceptance of funds to the Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of funds, date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of the funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds received; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report; final authorization. Resolved: That the working group established under section 1 shall submit a report regarding the proposed location and design of the plaque to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and the Legislative Council through the Office of the Executive Director no later than January 15, 2010. The final authorization for the placement of the plaque in the State House Hall of Flags must be made by the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

State House and Capitol Park Commission 0615

Initiative: Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of any funds received by the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to contract for the design and construction of a plaque to honor women veterans of the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$500	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$0

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CHAPTER 130

S.P. 270 - L.D. 733

Resolve, To Examine Environmental Effects of the Resource Recovery System

Sec. 1. Work group to oversee study of environmental effects of laws and programs regarding recycling. Resolved: That a 5-member work group consisting of the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department or the director's designee, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee and a representative of the Maine Municipal Association shall oversee a 2-year study to be performed by an independent private entity to review the focus on the environmental effects that laws and programs regarding recycling have generated. The representatives of the State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food

and Rural Resources shall serve as cochairs of the work group. The work group shall engage the assistance of a qualified consultant in the relevant fields and tasks to be reviewed. The study must include an assessment of:

1. Current recycling rates;
2. The carbon footprints created by the beverage container recycling laws and municipal recycling programs;
3. Comprehensive recycling programs in the State;
4. Barriers to comprehensive recycling;
5. Alternative models of sustainability;
6. Energy and economic efficiencies;
7. The effect of educational programs on recycling rates;
8. The potential roles of and opportunities for redemption center businesses as the technology advances in recycling programs; and
9. Litter prevention and waste reduction efforts; and be it further

Sec. 2. Funding sources. Resolved: That the expert consultant and study described in section 1 must be funded through private funds received by the State from outside sources and dedicated to this project. The work group described in section 1 shall determine and administer any private funds received with respect to the tasks identified in section 1. The work group has sole discretion to determine how any private funds received to conduct this study are spent and, depending upon the amount of private funds received, the order in which the 9 items set forth in section 1 should be assessed. The work group may rely upon existing data, other studies and any other information it considers pertinent in order to complete the assessment described in section 1. When private funds are received, the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters; and be it further

Sec. 3. Reporting date. Resolved: That the study described in section 1 must be completed no later than January 15, 2012, unless a one-year extension is necessary to complete the study. The work group shall provide an update to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters on January 15, 2010 and again on January 15, 2011 as to the progress of and any initial findings from the study; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Planning Office 0082

Initiative: Allocates funds to allow private outside sources of funds to be used to hire a consultant for a study on beverage container recycling programs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

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CHAPTER 131

H.P. 581 - L.D. 845

Resolve, To Expand Access to Renewable Energy Programs

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

Whereas, promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency are significant priorities of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

Whereas, significant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be disbursed to the Public Utilities Commission in the immediate future for energy initiatives, including renewable energy programs; 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

Sec. 1. Renewable energy outreach programs. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, in cooperation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, shall conduct a 2-year outreach and education program to provide information to residents statewide regarding renewable energy technology and systems for residential use and the renewable energy programs and incentives available through federal, state and local agencies. The program must include at least one informational presentation in each of the 16 counties of the State; and be it further