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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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Augusta, Maine
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CHAPTER 69
H.P. 858 - L.D. 1323

**Resolve, Directing the Board of
Pesticides Control to Evaluate
the Impact of Neonicotinoids
on Pollinators, Humans and the
Environment**

Sec. 1. Board of Pesticides Control to study neonicotinoids. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, referred to in this resolve as "the board," shall study:

1. The impacts of neonicotinoids, including neonicotinoid-treated seeds, on pollinators;
2. The costs and benefits of neonicotinoid-treated seeds compared to untreated seeds, including the market availability of neonicotinoid-treated seeds compared to untreated seeds;
3. The impact of neonicotinoids on the environment, including, but not limited to, soil, water and plant tissues;
4. The toxicity of neonicotinoids to humans;
5. Alternatives to neonicotinoid seed treatments for the protection of crops from damaging pests and disease;
6. The toxicity of effective alternatives to neonicotinoids and neonicotinoid-treated seeds that may be used for the protection of crops from damaging pests and disease; and
7. Methods of application of alternatives to neonicotinoids and neonicotinoid-treated seeds and the required number of applications for effectiveness.

In conducting the study under this section, the board shall give special consideration to effects on potato crops and corn crops.

Sec. 2. Request for information. Resolved: That the board shall solicit feedback regarding ideas and insights on the topic of the study, pursuant to section 1, from the public, stakeholders and interested parties through either a public hearing or a request for information document.

Sec. 3. Reports. Resolved: That the board shall submit a preliminary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2026 and shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations relating to the subject matter of the study under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than January 15, 2027. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 relating to the subject matter of the final report.

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual services to research the effects of neonicotinoids.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$156,500	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$156,500	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 70
H.P. 978 - L.D. 1494

**Resolve, Directing the Office of
Procurement Services to Study
Adapting the Procurement
Process to the State Climate
Action Plan**

Sec. 1. Adapting procurement program to climate action plan. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions, referred to in this resolve as "agencies," to study adapting the State's procurement program to the state climate action plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577, referred to in this resolve as "the climate action plan." The office shall exclude from the study procurements conducted by the Public Utilities Commission for energy or transmission infrastructure pursuant to Title 35-A. The office shall survey the past 3 fiscal years of requests for proposals.

The office shall include in its survey:

1. An assessment of the volume and percentage of procurements for goods and services that provide an opportunity to consider the climate change impact of the deliverables of the requests for proposals and the volume and percentage of procurements that provide no such opportunity;
2. A determination and quantification of the extent to which agencies have already adapted the deliverables of their requests for proposals over the past 3 fiscal years to the climate action plan;
3. A review of agencies identifying the opportunities they may have missed to consider the greenhouse