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(Governor's Bill)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1819

H. P. 1713

House of Representatives, January 18, 1980

On Motion of Mr. Davies of Orono, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

Cosponsors: Mr. Carter of Winslow, Mr. Michael of Auburn and Mrs. Huber of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Appropriate Money for the Maine Energy Resources Development Fund and to Permit the use of Those Funds for Demonstration Projects.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 5006, first ¶, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, § 3, is amended to read:

All federal, **state** and private moneys received by the Office of Energy Resources for energy research, **and development and demonstration** shall be deposited in the Maine Energy Resources Development Fund.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1980-81

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Energy Resources
Maine Energy Resources Development Fund

All Other

\$200,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$200,000 to the Maine Energy Resources Development Fund. These moneys will be utilized to assist municipalities, businesses and the commercial sector to accelerate the conversion to and demonstration of alternative energy resource facilities in the State. The availability of these moneys will both serve to leverage additional federal dollars and to provide a catalyst to encourage replacement and retrofitting of facilities currently using expensive and limited petroleum supplies.

Over the long-term, the accelerated utilization of Maine's indigenous energy resources will decrease the impact of inflation and fuel cost escalations on our economy. To the extent we can reduce the impact of increased energy prices, such measures will strengthen Maine's economy in the years to come.