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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to S.P. 573, L.D. 1542, Bill,
"AN ACT to Enable the State of Maine to Fund Waste Water
Treatment Systems in the Event Federal Funds are not In-
cluded or Limited in Future Federal Budgets."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §411, first ¶, as repealed and re-
placed by PL 1973, c. 694, §1, is amended to read:

The department is authorized to pay an amount at least
15%, but not to exceed 25%, of the expense of a municipal or
quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program
~~which has received federal approval and federal funds for~~
~~construction.~~ The department may pay up to 90% of the ex-
penditure of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement
construction program in which the construction cost of the
project does not exceed \$100,000 so long as total expenditures
for such small projects do not exceed \$1,000,000 for each of
the fiscal years 1981-82 and 1982-83, and not more than one
grant is made to any applicant each year. State grant-in-aid
participation under this section shall be limited to grants
for waste treatment facilities, interceptor systems and out-
falls. The word "expense" shall not include costs relating
to land acquisition or debt service unless allowed under
federal statutes and regulations.

A.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §411, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 694, §1, is amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The department shall develop a project priority list, for approval by the board, for pollution abatement construction projects. The factors to be considered in developing the priority list shall include, but not be limited to, protection of water supplies, shellfish, general public health hazards and water contact activities.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment limits expenditures for small projects to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year for the next 2 fiscal years and one grant per applicant per year.

It also enumerates "public health" criteria as a clear factor to be included in developing the priority lists.

Finally, the amendment removes the option that federally funded state employees perform the planning and design work for projects of less than \$100,000 which normally would be done by private consultants.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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