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11 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
12 Office of Energy Resources	65
13 Personal Services \$	325,000
14 All Other	25,000

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1 Total 2 Funds to be used to 3 temporarily fund 5 4 energy outreach work-5 ers and one energy 6 extension service co-7 ordinator, whose po-8 sitions would other-9 wise be eliminated as 10 of July 1, 1987, due 11 to federal budget 12 cuts.

STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to temporarily fund energy outreach workers who would be otherwise elimi-15 16 nated due to federal budget cuts. In the federal ap-17 propriations process the direct reason given for cutting these funds was the availability to the 18 states 19 of oil overcharge funds for the next 2 years. It is 20 therefore appropriate to use the Stripper Well Oil 21 Overcharge Fund to keep these outreach offices open 22 and active for another 2 years, at which time Con-23 gress may restore regular appropriations.

The outreach workers will provide direct services 24 and practical advice to Maine homeowners, renters, 25 26 towns, businesses, community groups and other organi-27 zations on how to save energy and money. This as-28 sistance will be given free of charge. The outreach workers will answer Maine citizens' energy questions, 29 and actively distribute objective information through 30 31 workshops, classroom presentations, tours and coordination with other organizations. The outreach work-32 ers will also be active in promoting and spot check-33 34 ing the energy rebate programs, and in implementing 35 the \$1,000,000 weatherize homes program in Maine en-36 acted by the Legislature under exxon funding, for 37 which the energy extension service coordinator is responsible to the United States Department of Energy. -38-`

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