

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1794 House of Representatives, March 4, 1988  
Reported by Representative COLES from the Committee on  
Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.  
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Original bill sponsored by Representative HICHBORN of  
LaGrange.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

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1 RESOLVE, Regarding the Study of Low-Level  
2 Radioactive Waste in the Town of  
3 Greenbush.  
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5 State Geologist to conduct study. Resolved:  
6 That the State Geologist, with the cooperation of the  
7 Department of Environmental Protection, shall conduct  
8 a study of the former University of Maine System  
9 low-level radioactive waste disposal site on  
10 Department of Conservation land in the Town of

1 Greenbush. The study shall include the following  
2 elements:

3 1. An assessment of the impact of the past  
4 disposal of low-level radioactive waste and other  
5 hazardous materials at the site on ground water  
6 quality;

7 2. An evaluation of the effectiveness of past  
8 remedial actions taken at the site;

9 3. An evaluation of the health and environmental  
10 risks of removing the radioactive waste materials and  
11 other hazardous materials to an approved disposal site;

12 4. The preparation of a permanent closure plan  
13 for the site which meets all federal and state  
14 requirements for the closure of low-level radioactive  
15 waste disposal sites; and

16 5. The preparation of a 5-year monitoring program  
17 to assess impacts on ground water quality; and be it  
18 further

19 **Report. Resolved:** That the State Geologist  
20 shall issue a report on the findings to the joint  
21 standing committee of the Legislature having  
22 jurisdiction over natural resources, the Governor, the  
23 chancellor of the University of Maine System and  
24 Greenbush municipal officers by January 15, 1989; and  
25 be it further

26 **Future fiscal responsibility. Resolved:** That the  
27 University of Maine System shall reimburse the Maine  
28 Geological Survey for all costs associated with the  
29 conduct of this study and that the university shall  
30 incorporate the funds necessary to implement the  
31 recommended actions in its budget proposal to the  
32 Legislature for fiscal year 1990 and beyond; and be it  
33 further

34 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following  
35 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry  
36 out the purposes of this resolve.

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1988-89

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

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All Other

\$15,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft includes several new components in  
6 the Maine Geological Survey study of the Greenbush  
7 low-level radioactive waste disposal site, including  
8 preparation of a final closure plan that meets federal  
9 requirements. This new draft also establishes the  
10 fiscal responsibility of the University of Maine  
11 System to deal with its wastes.

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