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L.D. 247

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 182, L.D. 247, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Greenbelt Commission"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act Regarding Open Space and Recreational Lands under the Growth Management Act'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2, in paragraph C, in subparagraph (9), in the 4th line (page 3, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "acquisition" and inserting in its place the following: 'creation'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Planning Advisory Council report on recreation and open space lands. The Planning Advisory Council shall advise the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning on issues and needs for municipalities regarding the acquisition and management of open space and recreation lands. In addition, the council shall consider the need for developing within the office a program to help municipalities acquire conservation easements and protect recreation and open space lands. The council shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by March 15, 1990, its recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation. If the council establishes that there is a need for such a program, the report shall include recommendations on the program's structure.'

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**Fiscal Note**

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5 This bill will add minor additional responsibilities to the  
7 Planning Advisory Council and the Office of Comprehensive Land  
8 Use Planning. The office has sufficient budgeted resources to  
9 implement this bill.'

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10 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
11 consecutively.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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16 This amendment reassigns the activities of the Maine  
17 Greenbelt Commission proposed under the original bill to the  
18 existing Planning Advisory Council. This 7-member group advises  
19 the Office of Comprehensive Land- Use Planning on the  
20 implementation of the growth management laws. The council is  
21 required to report on the need to help municipalities with open  
22 space acquisition and planning.

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24 The amendment also replaces the word "acquisition" with  
25 "creation" in section 2, in recognition of the many methods  
26 available to ensure the protection of open space areas in  
27 addition to acquisition. A fiscal note is added to reflect that  
the office has sufficient budgeted resources to undertake this  
project.

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