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House of Representatives, May 3, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CATHCART of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot, Representative AULT of Wayne and Representative O'DEA of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Support a Chemicals in the Environment Information Center at the University of Maine at Orono. 1

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

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

> 1989-90 1990-91

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

All Other

\$63,000

\$50,000

Provides funds to establish a 13 Chemicals in the Environment Information Center at the University of Maine at Orono, 15 to provide information to the 17 public on toxic and polluting chemicals and materials found in the environment. 19

STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill appropriates funds to the University of Maine System to be used to establish a Chemicals in the Environment 27 Information Center at the Orono campus. The center, which will be staffed by a director and assistants will provide information 29 to municipalities, businesses, educational institutions and the general public about toxic and polluting chemicals and materials 31 found in the environment. In addition to providing educational and technical information services, the center will coordinate conferences, offer short courses and issue publications. 33 The center will be governed by an administrator from the University 35 of Maine System and an advisory board.

37 It is estimated that the costs of establishing and operating the center will be \$130,500 in the first year and \$122,000 in its 2nd year of operation. This bill provides a portion of the funds 39 necessary for the start-up, personnel and operating expenses of 41 the center. The remainder of needed funds is being solicited from businesses and other entities.

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