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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1689, L.D. 2339, "Resolve, Providing for a Study of the Establishment of a Testing Program for the Purity of Agricultural Food Products"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Study and report required. Resolved: That the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine System shall consider as a part of the activities of its ongoing food safety team the need for a testing program for Maine agricultural products within the State. Issues addressed shall include: whether food safety testing should occur at a public or private facility; the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a food safety testing facility within the University of Maine System or the Department of Human Services; and the types and probable expense of tests needed. The Cooperative Extension Service shall report its conclusions on these issues by January 15, 1991, to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for distribution to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

FISCAL NOTE

The University of Maine System will incur some minor additional costs to study and report on the need for a testing program for Maine agricultural products. These costs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original resolve with a provision incorporating a study and report on the need for a food safety testing facility into an ongoing study group of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine System. The amendment adds a fiscal note.