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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 509, L.D. 703, Bill, "An Act Regarding Public Exposure to Nonionizing Radiation"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §674, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Educational program. The department shall implement an educational program to provide general and technical awareness of the risks associated with electromagnetic fields. The program must include, but is not limited to, consideration of the risks associated with 60-hertz electrical transmission power lines.

**Sec. 2. Pilot survey.** The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall conduct a pilot survey and analysis to assess exposure to nonionizing radiation attributable to 60-hertz power lines and to electrical power use in and around public schools. The department shall select a sample size that is as large as possible within available funds. The Department of Education shall cooperate with the Department of Human Services to implement the survey.

The Department of Human Services shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by March 1, 1992. A copy of the report must be sent to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

**Sec. 3. Funds.** Funding for this Act must be provided through fees authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title

22, section 680. Each electric utility in the State must be assessed for a portion of the cost of implementing this Act based upon its prorated user share.

Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1991-92

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Special Revenue - Health

All Other	\$12,000
Capital Expenditures	3,000

Provides for an allocation of funds to conduct an education program and an assessment and analysis of nonionizing radiation in and around public schools.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
TOTAL

\$15,000

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides an allocation of Other Special Revenue funds to the Department of Human Services to conduct an assessment of nonionizing radiation in and around public schools. Revenues will be generated through an assessment of electric utilities. The costs associated with the Public Utilities Commission's role in determining that assessment can be absorbed within budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment removes the original bill's requirement that warning labels be placed on power transformers and substations. It adds a requirement that the Department of Human Services implement an education campaign regarding electromagnetic fields and clarifies the scope of the pilot survey contained in the bill.

The amendment also replaces the appropriation section with an allocation section and requires that the provisions of the original bill be funded through an assessment on electric utilities. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.