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L.D. 1395

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**MINORITY**  
**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**118TH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1003, L.D. 1395, "Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture"

Amend the resolve in section 4 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1997" and inserting in its place the following: '1998' and in the 3rd line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1999" and inserting in its place the following: '2000'

Further amend the resolve in section 9 in the first line (page 3, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1998" and inserting in its place the following: '1999' and in the last line (page 4, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1999" and inserting in its place the following: '2000'

Further amend the resolve in section 10 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "council." and inserting in its place the following: 'council; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 10 the following:

**'Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1998-99

**CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Forest Policy and Management**

Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	39,126
All Other	8,228

Appropriates funds for one additional Chief Planner position and necessary operating costs to provide staffing assistance to the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

**TOTAL** \$47,354

**LEGISLATURE**

**Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture**

All Other	\$3,000
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Provides funds for public hearing and miscellaneous costs of the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture.

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**TOTAL** \$3,000'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

1998-99

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund	\$50,354
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The Legislature will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$3,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 and \$500 annually in fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 for the public hearing and miscellaneous costs of the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture.

2 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
3 assistance to the council during any interim between sessions can  
4 be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted  
5 resources. If the council requests staffing assistance during a  
6 legislative session, the Legislature may require additional  
7 General Fund appropriations to contract for staff services.

8 The Maine Forest Service within the Department of  
9 Conservation will require an additional General Fund  
10 appropriation of \$47,354 in fiscal year 1998-99 for one  
11 additional Chief Planner position and related operating costs to  
12 provide staffing assistance to the Maine Council on Sustainable  
13 Silviculture. The General Fund appropriations required to fund  
14 these costs in fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 are estimated  
15 to be approximately \$56,000 annually.

16 The Baxter State Park Authority will incur some minor  
17 additional costs to participate in the Maine Council on  
18 Sustainable Silviculture. These costs can be absorbed within the  
19 authority's existing budgeted resources.  
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24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment is the minority report. It changes dates for  
26 appointments and report dates. It also adds a fiscal note to the  
resolve.