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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 569, L.D. 1726, "Resolve, to Reduce Reliance on Pesticides"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Minimize Reliance on Pesticides'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1471-M, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Data collection; annual report. The board shall implement a system of record keeping, reporting, data collection and analysis that provides information on the quantity of product and brand names of pesticides sold and information on quantity of product applied. The board shall collect this information in a manner that facilitates aggregating data by sector of use. The board shall adopt rules necessary to strengthen reporting procedures and ensure the efficient collection of data. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The board, in cooperation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, shall develop and maintain a database that optimizes the useful analysis of reported information.

No later than July 1, 1998, and each year thereafter, the board shall publish an annual pesticides report containing the quantity

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2 of product, sorted by the name and United States Environmental  
3 Protection Agency registration number, of all pesticides sold  
4 and applied in the prior year, with the data further sorted by  
5 sector of use wherever possible.

6 **Sec. 2. State policy.** It is the policy of the State and of the  
7 agencies involved in the regulation or use of pesticides to work  
8 to find ways to use less toxic or fewer pesticides in all areas  
9 of application while recognizing that outbreaks of disease,  
10 insects and other pests necessitate fluctuations in pesticide use.

12 **Sec. 3. Public and private initiatives.** The State and its agencies  
13 are prepared to work with any private and public entities to  
14 determine the actions including education initiatives that are  
15 needed to accomplish the policy set out in section 2.

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

20 1997-98 1998-99

22 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL**  
23 **RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Board of Pesticides Control**

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27	Positions - Legislative Count	(2.500)	(2.500)
28	Personal Services	\$59,204	\$80,552
29	All Other	28,300	10,000
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32	TOTAL	\$87,504	\$90,552

34 Allocates funds for a  
35 Programmer Analyst position,  
36 a Data Entry Specialist  
37 position, a half-time Data  
38 Entry Specialist position and  
39 operating costs necessary to  
40 administer new data  
41 collection and reporting  
42 responsibilities.

44 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD**  
45 **AND RURAL RESOURCES**

46 **TOTAL** \$87,504 \$90,552'

48 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
49 summary the following:  
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2 FISCAL NOTE

4 1997-98 1998-99

6 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

8 Other Funds \$87,504 \$90,552

10 The Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of  
12 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will require additional  
14 Other Special Revenue allocations of \$87,504 and \$90,552 in  
16 fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, for a Programmer  
18 Analyst position, a Data Entry Specialist position, a half-time  
Data Entry Specialist position and operating costs necessary to  
accomplish additional data collection and reporting  
responsibilities. The board has adequate financial resources to  
cover these additional costs.

20 The additional costs associated with working with the Board  
22 of Pesticides Control on certain pesticides issues can be  
absorbed by the University of Maine System utilizing existing  
budgeted resources.

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26 SUMMARY

28 This amendment replaces the original resolve. It is the  
30 minority report of the committee. It directs the State and  
32 agencies of the State to determine actions to reduce reliance on  
pesticides. It requires the State Board of Pesticides Control to  
strengthen reporting procedures for data collection on pesticide  
34 sales and use; it directs the board to implement rules necessary  
for efficient data collection; it requires the board to publish  
an annual report on pesticides sales and use. The amendment also  
36 states the policy of the State is to use fewer or less toxic  
pesticides.

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40 The amendment also adds an allocation section and a fiscal  
note.