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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Reported by: Senator Treat

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 580, L.D. 1745, Bill, "Resolve, to Direct the Land and Water Resources Council to Develop a Report and Proposed Actions to Control Mercury Emissions and Discharges"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 4th line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "may" and inserting in its place the following: 'shall'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 6th line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Project," the following: 'Legislators,'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "be"

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the last line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "matters." the following: 'The council shall report its initial evaluation and recommendations as part of its January, 1998 annual report; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation regarding the reduction of mercury emissions and discharges to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The member agencies of the Land and Water Resources Council  
will incur some minor additional costs to produce and submit a  
10 required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed  
within those agencies' existing budgeted resources.'

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment makes the following changes to the resolve.  
The resolve authorizes the Land and Water Resources Council to  
18 seek the advice and support of certain groups in developing a  
long-range strategy to evaluate and reduce mercury contamination  
20 in Maine's environment. The amendment requires the council to  
seek the advice and support of Legislators as well as those  
22 groups. The amendment requires the council to report its initial  
evaluation and recommendations as part of its January, 1998  
24 annual report. The amendment also gives the Joint Standing  
Committee on Natural Resources authority to report out  
26 legislation regarding the reduction of mercury emissions and  
discharges to the Second Regular Session of the 118th  
28 Legislature. The amendment also makes a technical correction and  
adds a fiscal note to the resolve.