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2	DATE: 4-29-99 (Filing No. H-323)
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6	MINORITY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{B} " to H.P. 619, L.D. 859, Bill, "Ar
20	Act to Require that the State Planning Office Report to the Committee on State and Local Government"
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24	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:
26	'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PI
28	1977, c. 674, \S 7, is amended to read:
	1. Director. The executive head of the State Planning
30	Office shall-be is the director and shall-be is appointed by the
32	Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The-directer shall-be-paid-a-salary-fixed-by-the-Governor.
34	Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of
36	the amending clause (page 1, lines 47 and 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
38	'Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§3, ¶I, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §7, is further amended to read:'
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	Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of
42	paragraph E (page 2, lines 1 to 5 in L.D.)
44	Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph I in the
46	first line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Gevernor-and-to" and inserting in its place the
	following: 'Governor and to the'
	

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

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

'FISCAL NOTE

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The State Planning Office will incur some minor additional costs to make reports at least annually to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the office's existing budgeted resources. The office also will incur some minor additional costs in fiscal year 2000-01 as a result of the earlier review of the office under the State Government Evaluation Act.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The amendment amends the original bill by removing a requirement from the original bill that the Governor's nominee for the Director of the State Planning Office be reviewed by the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and confirmed by the Legislature. It also removes a requirement that the Director of the State Planning Office advise the Legislature on policy matters. The amendment also retains a requirement in current law that the director report annually to the Governor and it removes a requirement that the director report annually on the agency's monetary allocations and expenditures to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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