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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 619, L.D. 859, Bill, "An Act to Require that the State Planning Office Report to the Committee on State and Local Government"

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

'An Act to Require the State Planning Office to Report to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Natural Resources'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶M, as amended by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. C, §14, is further amended to read:

M. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Capitol Planning Commission in 1997;
- (2) State Civil Service Appeals Board in 1999;
- (3) State Claims Commission in 1999;
- (4) Maine Municipal Bond Bank in 2001;
- (5) Office of Treasurer of State in 2001;
- (6) Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except for the Bureau of Revenue Services, in 2003;

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2 (7) Department of the Secretary of State, except for
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in 2003; and

4 (9) State Planning Office in 2005 2001.'

6 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and
inserting in its place the following:

8 'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL
10 1977, c. 674, §7, is amended to read:

12 1. **Director.** The executive head of the State Planning
14 Office ~~shall-be~~ is the director and ~~shall-be~~ is appointed by the
Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. ~~The-director~~
16 ~~shall-be-paid-a-salary-fixed-by-the-Governor.~~'

18 Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of
the amending clause (page 1, lines 47 and 48 in L.D.) and
inserting in its place the following:

20 'Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§3, ¶1, as amended by PL 1989, c.
22 501, Pt. DD, §7, is further amended to read:'

24 Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of
paragraph E (page 2, lines 1 to 5 in L.D.)

26 Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph I in the
28 first line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "~~Governor--and--to~~" and inserting in its place the
30 following: 'Governor and to the'

32 Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph I in the
2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out
34 the following: "~~having jurisdiction over state and local~~
~~government matters on~~" and inserting in its place the following:
36 '~~en having jurisdiction over state and local government matters~~
~~detailing~~'

38 Further amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of
40 paragraph I-1 and inserting in its place the following:

42 'I-1. Make reports annually to the joint standing committee
44 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
resources matters detailing the activities of the office
46 regarding land issues and, after consultation with and
approval of the Governor, submit recommendations for
48 legislative action as determined necessary to further the
purposes of this chapter;'

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FISCAL NOTE

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.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which incorporates the substance of Committee Amendment "B," House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A," does the following:

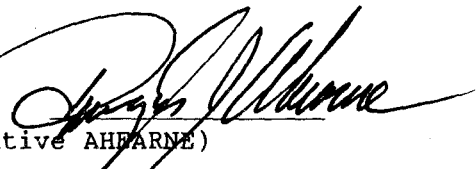
1. It removes a requirement from the original bill that the Governor's nominee for the Director of the State Planning Office be reviewed by the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and be confirmed by the Legislature.

2. It removes a requirement that the Director of the State Planning Office advise the Legislature on policy matters.

3. It 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.

4. It requires the State Planning Office to make annual reports to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over natural resources matters regarding the activities of the office involving land issues.

5. It corrects a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapter 127, Part C, section 14.

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