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Resolve, to Direct the Land and Water Resources Council to Develop a Report and Proposed Actions to Control Dioxin Emissions and Discharges.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CAMERON of Rumford, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, McKEE of Wayne, O'NEIL of Saco, POWERS of Rockport, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. Sec. 1. Strategy to control dioxin contamination. Resolved: That
the Land and Water Resources Council shall develop a long-range strategy to evaluate and reduce the levels and sources of dioxin
contamination affecting Maine's environment. The council shall seek the advice and support of the Maine Environmental Priorities
Council, Legislators, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and other groups in completing this task. The strategy must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A description of the levels and locations of dioxin contamination that are known or suspected to exist in Maine's
   environment;
- A survey of sources and quantities of dioxin discharged to or deposited into Maine's natural resources. This survey
  should include both in-state and out-of-state sources and estimates of relative contribution;
- 3. Recommendations for further data acquisition, if 20 necessary; and
- 4. Recommendations for regulatory, legislative, pollution prevention or technical assistance actions to reduce dioxin
   contamination; and be it further
- 2. 26 Sec. Report. **Resolved:** That the evaluation and recommendations of the Land and Water Resources Council on dioxin 28 be part of its annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource 30 matters. The council shall report its initial evaluation and recommendations as part of its January, 2000 annual report; and 32 be it further
- Sec. 3. Legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation
   regarding the reduction of dioxin emissions and discharges to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.
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**SUMMARY** 

42 This resolve requires the Land and Water Resources Council to develop a long-range strategy to evaluate and reduce levels of dioxin contamination in Maine's environment. 44 The council shall submit its recommendations as part of its annual report beginning 46 in January, 2000. The resolve also gives the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources authority to report out 48 legislation regarding the reduction of dioxin emissions and discharges to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.