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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1141, L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 28 to 33 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

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

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 13 the following:

PART B

**Sec. B-1. Select commission established.** The Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites, referred to in this Part as the "select commission," is established.

**Sec. B-2. Membership.** The select commission consists of 5 members appointed as follows.

1. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

2           2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
3 appoint 3 members of the House of Representatives who serve on  
4 the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

6           **Sec. B-3. Chairs.** The first Senate member named is the Senate  
7 Chair and the first House member named is the House Chair.

8           **Sec. B-4. Appointment; convening commission.** All appointments  
9 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date  
10 of this Part. The appointing authorities shall notify the  
11 Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their  
12 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,  
13 chairs of the select commission shall call and convene the first  
14 meeting of the select commission no later than 45 days following  
15 the effective date of this Part.

16           **Sec. B-5. Duties.** The select commission shall study state  
17 participation in funding cleanup and remediation of uncontrolled  
18 hazardous substance sites. The select commission shall also:

19           1. Evaluate the funding options available to help with the  
20 cleanup or remediation of uncontrolled hazardous substance sites,  
21 including an evaluation of the percentage of the total response  
22 costs payable by parties who are bankrupt, dissolved, insolvent  
23 or no longer in business or whose current identity or location  
24 can not be determined. In conducting this analysis, the select  
25 commission shall collaborate with the Department of Environmental  
26 Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

27           2. Evaluate the components and substances at uncontrolled  
28 hazardous substance sites; and

29           3. Evaluate uncontrolled hazardous substance sites where,  
30 at the time that the hazardous waste was delivered to the site,  
31 the delivery of the waste was not illegal under federal or state  
32 law.

33           **Sec. B-6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative  
34 Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide  
35 necessary staffing services to the select commission.

36           **Sec. B-7. Compensation.** Legislative members of the select  
37 commission are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as  
38 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and  
39 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for  
40 attendance at meetings.

**Sec. B-8. Report.** The select commission shall submit a report on its study along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by December 31, 1999. Following the receipt of this report, the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. If the select commission requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

**Sec. B-9. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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**Select Commission to Study State Participation  
in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of  
Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites**

Personal Services	\$1,375
All Other	1,750

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 5 meetings of the Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites and to print the required report.

**LEGISLATURE  
TOTAL**

\$3,125'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**FISCAL NOTE**

1999-00

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund

\$3,125

This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$3,125 in fiscal year 1999-00. As amended, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,125 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 5 meetings of the Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites and to print the required report.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the commission during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.

#### SUMMARY

This amendment adds a new Part that establishes the Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites and adds an appropriation to Committee Amendment "B."

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