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**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1152, L.D. 1649, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Research and Development Capacity in Renewable Energy Resources"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§6 is enacted to read:**

6. Fund. There is established the Renewable Resource Fund, referred to in this subsection as the "fund." The fund is a nonlapsing fund administered by the State Planning Office. All funds collected by the commission pursuant to subsection 5 must be deposited in the fund for distribution by the State Planning Office in accordance with subsection 5. The State Planning Office may seek and accept funding for the program established pursuant to subsection 5 from other sources, public or private. Any funds accepted for use in the program established pursuant to subsection 5 must be deposited in the fund.

**Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1999-00                      2000-01**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Renewable Resource Fund**

2 All Other \$500 \$500

6 Provides a base allocation  
8 for the Renewable Resource  
10 Fund, administered by the  
12 State Planning Office, to  
14 authorize expenditures in the  
event that voluntary  
contributions are deposited  
in the fund.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

18 1999-00 2000-01

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

24 Other Funds \$500 \$500

26 This bill establishes the Renewable Resource Fund to be  
28 administered by the State Planning Office. This fund will  
receive funds collected by the Public Utilities Commission from  
voluntary contributions to fund renewable resource research and  
30 development. The amount of additional dedicated revenue that may  
be generated by these voluntary contributions can not be  
32 determined at this time. Allocations from the Renewable Resource  
Fund of \$500 each year in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 are  
34 included as base allocations for the new fund to authorize  
expenditures of any amounts received.

36 The State Planning Office will incur some minor additional  
38 costs to administer the fund. These costs can be absorbed within  
the office's existing budgeted resources.

40 The additional costs associated with revising rules related  
42 to the voluntary renewable resource program can be absorbed by  
the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted  
44 resources.'

**SUMMARY**

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48 This amendment removes the appropriation section from the  
50 bill. The amendment creates a Renewable Resource Fund,

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2 administered by the Executive Department, State Planning Office,  
that serves as the depository for all funds collected for the  
4 voluntary renewable resource program.

6 This amendment provides a base allocation for the Renewable  
Resource Fund in the event voluntary contributions are deposited  
8 in the fund. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**