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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1526, L.D. 2179, "Resolve, to Address Liquidation Harvesting"

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

'Resolve, to Address Poor Forest Practices'

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

**Sec. 1. Development recommendations. Resolved:** That the Maine Forest Service shall define liquidation harvesting and poor forest practices. The Maine Forest Service shall develop recommendations for how to address poor forest practices in Maine's forests including liquidation harvesting; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Maine Forest Service shall present its recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters by January 1, 2001 as part of its report on the state of the State's forest mandated by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8879. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters may submit legislation in the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature to implement the recommendations of the Maine Forest Service.'

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

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Maine Forest Service within the Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to develop certain recommendations pertaining to liquidation harvesting and to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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The amendment directs the Maine Forest Service to develop recommendations to address poor forest practices. The Maine Forest Service is directed to define poor forest practices and timber liquidation harvesting. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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