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H.P. 506

House of Representatives, February 8, 2001

An Act to Establish the Maine Energy Advisory Council.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3307-G is enacted to read:**

6 **§3307-G. Maine Energy Advisory Council**

8 **1. Establishment; functions.** The Maine Energy Advisory
Council, referred to in this section as the "council," is
established to serve the following functions for the office:

10 **A. Provide a forum to discuss current energy issues;**

12 **B. Act in an advisory role in the formulation of**
14 **appropriate policy and recommendations in the areas of the**
16 **development and conduct of energy education and conservation**
programs;

18 **C. Develop positions on energy facility siting;**

20 **D. Contribute to the discussion of environmental**
22 **consequences of energy decisions; and**

24 **E. Provide an advisory role for plans and programs to**
26 **implement new electricity conservation, research and**
development programs.

28 **2. Administration and composition.** The office shall
administer and determine the composition of the council.

30 **3. Staffing.** The Department of Economic and Community
32 **Development shall provide an energy education coordinator from**
34 **the Office of Business Development energy conservation program to**
staff the council. The energy education coordinator's primary
responsibility is energy education for conservation and consumer
choice.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill establishes the Maine Energy Advisory Council,
42 which will advise and make recommendations to the State Planning
Office concerning energy issues.