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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988, L.D. 1325, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§13122-L." by inserting after subsection 1 the following:

'2. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "research and development" means activities that directly or through capital investment support basic and applied scientific research and related commercial development funded by state appropriations.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§13122-L." in subsection 3 in the 7th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "identified by the president after consultation with" and inserting in its place the following: '. Only those programs that receive \$500,000 or more in research and development appropriations, as identified and certified by the State Budget Officer and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, may be assessed upon concurrence of the'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§13122-L." in subsection 3 in the 8th line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "agencies" the following: ', institutions'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§13122-L." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the

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summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The bill directs the State Budget Officer to transfer up to .8% of General Fund appropriations made for research and development, but not to exceed \$120,000 annually, to the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund. The impact of these transfers on the General Fund appropriations and expenditures of the existing research and development programs can not be determined at this time.

This bill includes Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund allocations of \$500 and \$500 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to establish a base allocation for the fund.

The additional costs associated with administering a new fund account can be absorbed by the Office of the Treasurer of State utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

The amendment defines "research and development," clarifies which programs will be affected by transfers and adds a fiscal note.