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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1066, L.D. 1429, "Resolve,
to Assess the Consequences of Climate Change in the State"

22 Amend the resolve in section 1 by striking out all of the
24 first paragraph (page 1, lines 1 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting in
its place the following:

26 **'Sec. 1. To establish a cooperative program to assess climate change**
28 **in the State. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Environmental
30 Protection in consultation with the Institute for Quaternary and
32 Climate Studies at the University of Maine shall develop for
34 submission to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature
no later than December 31, 2001 a plan to collect data, conduct
36 research and communicate information about climate change impacts
in Maine. The climatologist at the institute is designated as
38 the "Maine State Climatologist" and shall work cooperatively with
the Department of Environmental Protection and other relevant
40 state agencies. The Department of Environmental Protection shall
assist with the coordination of and shall provide support for
42 activities related to data collection and dissemination of
information to the public and the private sector. The
responsibilities of the Maine State Climatologist, with the
assistance of and in consultation with the department, include:'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

FISCAL NOTE

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The additional costs associated with activities and development of a certain plan can be absorbed by the University of Maine System utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to establish a cooperative program to assess climate change in the State 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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This amendment removes the provision from the resolve that created a position of State Climatologist to be funded from the General Fund and instead designates the climatologist at the Institute for Quaternary and Climate Studies at the University of Maine as the "Maine State Climatologist." It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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