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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 463, L.D. 1516, Bill, "An Act to Support Family Farms"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Market and Production Development

Initiative: Provides funds for one additional Senior Planner position to provide financial and estate planning to farmers, to provide outreach and assistance concerning land management and limited development planning in order to bring agricultural projects before the Land for Maine's Future Board and to conduct research and data collection in order to establish a baseline of information about farmland values for guidelines for assessors to use in the farm and open space tax program.

Table with 3 columns: General Fund, 2001-02, 2002-03. Rows include Positions - Legislative Count, Personal Services, All Other, Capital Expenditures, and General Fund Total.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 and before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**2002-03**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$60,156

As amended, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$60,156 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Division of Market and Production Development within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide funds for one additional Senior Planner position and operating expenses necessary to accomplish outreach, planning and research functions for farmers.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It specifies that the additional Senior Planner position is established in the Division of Market and Production Development rather than the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.