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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 552, L.D. 1710, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Maine Biomedical Research Program"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Maine Biomed- Expenses 5 MRSA
Biomedical ical Research Only §13104
Research Board'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 3rd line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "publication" and inserting in its place the following: 'publications'

Further amend the bill section 2 in paragraph B in the last blocked paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", cells and organic research materials" and inserting in its place the following: 'or cell extracts and biological reagents'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last 2 sentences (page 2, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following: 'The department Maine Biomedical Research Board shall administer the program. The department Maine Biomedical Research Board shall:'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in
4 paragraph G in the 3rd line (page 3, line 3 in L.D.) by striking
6 out the following: "department" and inserting in its place the
8 following: 'department Maine Biomedical Research Board'

10 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7 to
12 10 and inserting in their place the following:

14 'Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731,
16 Pt. SSS, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

18 6. Allocation of funds to eligible institutions. The Maine
20 Biomedical Research Board shall allocate funds from the fund to
22 eligible institutions biannually, based on a formula to be
24 developed by the board. The formula must be designed both to
26 provide an ongoing incentive to leverage outside funding and to
28 facilitate the growth of smaller institutions.

30 A. The formula must link the amount of the program funds to
32 be received by an eligible institution to the total amount
34 of funding that the institution has received or expended
36 from specific grant sources during the previous 2 calendar
38 years for the purpose of producing peer-reviewed biomedical
40 research in on-site biomedical research laboratories in the
42 State. An institution receiving more funding from federal
44 agencies and specified grant sources must receive more
46 program funds under the formula.

48 B. The formula must be weighted to provide smaller eligible
institutions with an incentive to grow.

Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §13104 is enacted to read:

§13104. Maine Biomedical Research Board

1. Board established. The Maine Biomedical Research Board,
referred to in this section as the "board," is established
pursuant to section 12004-G, subsection 4-B to administer the
Maine Biomedical Research Fund and the Maine Biomedical Research
Program as provided in section 13103.

2. Board membership. The board consists of 7 members
appointed as follows:

A. Four persons, appointed by the Governor and nominated by
a statewide biomedical research coalition;

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B. Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are distinguished and credentialed in the type of biomedical research that is performed by eligible institutions defined in section 13103, subsection 1; and

C. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

3. Initial appointment; terms. Members of the board appointed by the Governor are appointed for 3-year terms, except for the initial terms of appointment, which are as follows: Two members appointed for one-year; 2 members appointed for 2 years; and 2 members appointed for 3 years. Members who serve on the board by virtue of their office serve terms coincident with their terms in office.

4. Powers and duties of board. The board has the following powers and duties:

A. To perform all duties and take such actions pursuant to section 13103 as necessary to administer the Maine Biomedical Research Program;

B. To contract with the Maine Technology Institute for such assistance in fulfilling the board's duties as the board may require; and

C. To approve a budget for administration of the Maine Biomedical Research Program.

Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §15303, sub-§6-B is enacted to read:

6-B. Maine Biomedical Research Board. The institute shall contract with the Maine Biomedical Research Board as established in section 12004-G, subsection 4-B to provide assistance in fulfilling the board's duties as the board may require.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no additional fiscal impact. It requires the Maine Technology Institute to provide whatever

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2 assistance the new Maine Biomedical Research Board requires
utilizing existing resources.'

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SUMMARY

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8 This amendment amends the original bill by establishing the
Maine Biomedical Research Board. It transfers to that board from
10 the Department of Economic and Community Development the
administration of the Maine Biomedical Research Fund. The
12 amendment authorizes the Maine Biomedical Research Board to
contract with the Maine Technology Institute for such assistance
as the board may require. The amendment also makes technical
14 corrections to the definition of an eligible institution. The
amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.