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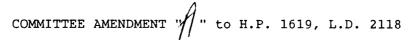
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L.D. 2118

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6	MARINE RESOURCES
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14 16	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
10	BECOMD REGULAR BESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1619, L.D. 2118, Bill, "An
20	Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study the Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other
22	Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing"
24	Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:
26	G 1 20 MED GA 91004 .
28	'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1804 is enacted to read:
20	§1804. Interagency review of coastal water access issues
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	The Executive Department, State Planning Office and the
32	Department of Marine Resources, within existing budgeted resources, shall convene a working group of staff from all state
34	agencies that deal with coastal water access issues to share
	data, program activities and areas for collaboration on coastal
36	water access issues. Each agency shall identify the coastal
	water access data that the agency has, the coastal water access
38	data that the agency needs and potential funding sources for the
40	collection of the needed data. Other stakeholders may be included as appropriate. The State Planning Office and the
40	Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report of the
42	working group's activities, including how the agencies can work
	cooperatively to make creative use of available funds to address
44	both recreational and commercial access needs and to optimize
	projects that are multiuse in nature to the joint standing
46	committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine
4.0	resources matters by January 15th of every odd-numbered year.
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50	Resources Council, within existing budgeted resources, shall

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conduct a review of the effectiveness of the State's approved coastal management plan in meeting the State's public access and working waterfront policy goals established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, sections 1801 and 1802. The review must include, but not be limited to, an exploration of state and local jurisdiction and authority, development of incentives municipalities to improve coastal access, development incentives for municipalities to conserve working waterfront lands for water-dependent uses, and development of performance indicators to allow for ongoing measurement of progress. December 15, 2002, the Land and Water Resources Council shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations and any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations to joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters. The joint standing committee Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters may report out legislation during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations in the report.'

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

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## FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Marine Resources and the Land and Water Resources Council within the Executive Department will incur some minor additional costs to convene a working group, review certain public policy issues and submit required reports to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to participate in a working group pertaining to coastal water access issues. These costs can be absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.'

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## **SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that the working group of agencies that is established in the bill is charged with tracking coastal water access, rather than water access statewide. It clarifies the activities of the working group and changes the annual reporting requirement to biennial reporting. The amendment also

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1619, L.D. 2118



directs the Land and Water Resources Council, instead of the State Planning Office, to conduct a review of coastal management in the State. It also directs the Land and Water Resources Council to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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