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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1619, L.D. 2118, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study the Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1804 is enacted to read:

§1804. Interagency review of coastal water access issues

The Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Marine Resources, within existing budgeted resources, shall convene a working group of staff from all state agencies that deal with coastal water access issues to share data, program activities and areas for collaboration on coastal water access issues. Each agency shall identify the coastal water access data that the agency has, the coastal water access data that the agency needs and potential funding sources for the collection of the needed data. Other stakeholders may be included as appropriate. The State Planning Office and the Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report of the working group's activities, including how the agencies can work cooperatively to make creative use of available funds to address both recreational and commercial access needs and to optimize projects that are multiuse in nature to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15th of every odd-numbered year.

Sec. 2. Coastal management review. The Land and Water Resources Council, within existing budgeted resources, shall

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2 conduct a review of the effectiveness of the State's approved  
3 coastal management plan in meeting the State's public access and  
4 working waterfront policy goals established in the Maine Revised  
5 Statutes, Title 38, sections 1801 and 1802. The review must  
6 include, but not be limited to, an exploration of state and local  
7 jurisdiction and authority, development of incentives for  
8 municipalities to improve coastal access, development of  
9 incentives for municipalities to conserve working waterfront  
10 lands for water-dependent uses, and development of performance  
11 indicators to allow for ongoing measurement of progress. By  
12 December 15, 2002, the Land and Water Resources Council shall  
13 submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations  
14 and any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations to  
15 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
16 jurisdiction over marine resources matters and the joint standing  
17 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural  
18 resources matters. The joint standing committee of the  
19 Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters may  
20 report out legislation during the First Regular Session of the  
21 121st Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations in  
22 the report.'

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

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27 **FISCAL NOTE**

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

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

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43 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment clarifies that the working group of agencies  
45 that is established in the bill is charged with tracking coastal  
46 water access, rather than water access statewide. It clarifies  
47 the activities of the working group and changes the annual  
48 reporting requirement to biennial reporting. The amendment also  
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2 directs the Land and Water Resources Council, instead of the  
State Planning Office, to conduct a review of coastal management  
4 in the State. It also directs the Land and Water Resources  
Council to report to the joint standing committee of the  
6 Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and  
the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

8 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.