

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Filing No. S-72)

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 205, L.D. 596, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Effectiveness of the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §551, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 720, §3, is amended to read:

**1-B. Research and development.** The Legislature may allocate not more than ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000 per annum of the amount currently in the fund to be devoted to research and development in the causes, effects and removal of pollution caused by oil, petroleum products and their by-products on the marine environment. Researchers receiving funds under this subsection shall use vessels based in this State as platforms when practicable. Such allocations must be made in accordance with section 555. This subsection takes effect July 1, 1996.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It increases from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the limit within the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund available for research and development. It also requires researchers who receive funds for research and development to use vessels based in the State as platforms when practicable.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 596**

**An Act To Improve the Effectiveness of the Maine Coastal and Inland  
Surface Oil Clean-up Fund**

**LR 1755(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.S-72***

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The dedicated Remediation and Waste Management Program within the Department of Environmental Protection has sufficient allocation to handle the proposed increase of \$150,000 in the amount available for research and development.