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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Reported by: Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 388, L.D. 1184, "Resolve, To Encourage Use of Alternative Energy Sources"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Energy Resources Council to study. Resolved: That the Energy Resources Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3327, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall study:

1. The costs and benefits of state government actions and options to stimulate an increase in the percentage of various alternative transportation fuels and alternatively fueled vehicles used in the State;

2. The costs and benefits of state government actions and options to stimulate an increase in the production of biofuels in the State;

3. The related goals, practices, results and markets that exist in other states and provinces, especially those that share fuel or vehicle markets with Maine;

4. The potential for synergies between alternative transportation fuel and alternative heating fuel sectors and infrastructure;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 5. The costs and benefits and actual or predicted
3 transportation energy efficiency results of other initiatives,
4 including dense multiuse development, long-term traffic and modal
5 demand management plans of the Department of Transportation,
6 anti-idling campaigns and fuel economy standards for state
7 fleets; and

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9 6. Related federal initiatives, requirements and funding,
10 and the implications for strategic planning and investment in the
11 State; and be it further

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13 **Sec. 2. Energy Resources Council report. Resolved:** That the
14 Energy Resources Council shall report its interim findings and
15 recommendations resulting from the study required in this resolve
16 by January 31, 2004 and its final recommendations by January 31,
17 2005. The reports must present recommended production or usage
18 goals for alternative transportation fuels and biofuels,
19 recommended strategies to arrive at those goals and the predicted
20 costs and benefits of such strategies; and be it further

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22 **Sec. 3. Costs. Resolved:** That the costs of the study required
23 in this resolve must be absorbed within the existing resources of
24 the Energy Resources Council and member agencies.'

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27 **SUMMARY**

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29 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint
30 Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, replaces the
31 resolve. This amendment directs the Energy Resources Council, in
32 consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to
33 undertake a study of alternative transportation and heating
34 fuels, alternatively fueled vehicles and biofuels and to report
35 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
36 jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters with interim
37 findings and recommendations by January 31, 2004 and with final
38 recommendations by January 31, 2005. The reports must recommend
39 production and usage goals for alternative transportation fuels
40 and biofuels and recommend strategies for achieving those goals.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

Approved: 05/07/03 *MAC*

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



LD 1184

Resolve, To Encourage Use of Alternative Energy Sources

LR 1684(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A.S.-132"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Majority Report

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund