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122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2006

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No. 2037

S.P. 785

In Senate, March 2, 2006

Resolve, Regarding Source Water Protection Recommendations

Reported by Senator COWGER of Kennebec for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 29.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Sec. 1. Public process established. Resolved:** That the Drinking Water
2 Program within the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the
3 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation, Maine
4 Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, shall
5 establish and implement a process to allow public comment on the recommendations
6 regarding source water protection described in a report dated February 2006 that was
7 submitted by the Drinking Water Program to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural
8 Resources pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 29; and be it further

9 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Drinking Water Program within the
10 Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of
11 Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation, Maine Geological Survey
12 and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, shall submit a report as
13 provided in this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
14 jurisdiction over natural resources matters by February 1, 2007. The report must include
15 subsequent recommendations after consideration of the public comments received
16 pursuant to the process established in section 1, take into account coordination between
17 water quantity and water quality and include any draft legislation necessary to implement
18 the recommendations; and be it further

19 **Sec. 3. Legislation. Resolved:** That after receipt and review of the report
20 submitted pursuant to section 2 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
21 jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out legislation regarding the
22 recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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SUMMARY

24 This resolve is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
25 pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 29. It directs the Drinking Water Program within the
26 Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of
27 Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation, Maine Geological Survey
28 and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, to establish a process to
29 allow public comment on recommendations described in a report dated February 2006
30 and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Resolve
31 2005, chapter 29. The bill also directs the program to submit a report to the joint standing
32 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters that
33 includes subsequent recommendations, takes into account coordination between water
34 quantity and water quality and includes any necessary draft legislation. The resolve also
35 provides the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
36 resources matters the authority to report out legislation regarding the recommendations to
37 the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the affected departments can be absorbed utilizing existing budget resources.