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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 752, L.D. 1034, "Resolve, To Preserve the Saco River"

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

**Preamble.** Whereas, the Saco River flows through several municipalities and recreational use of the river has increased dramatically in the past decade; and

Whereas, developing a plan for appropriately managing recreational use of the river and providing law enforcement, sanitation and emergency services is essential; and

Whereas, a consistent approach to managing recreational use of the river is essential to maintaining the quality of the experience for users, as well as resolving conflicts between recreational users and owners of property adjacent to the river; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Development of recreation management plan for Saco River.**

**Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation, referred to in this resolve as "the director," shall gather information to facilitate the management of that portion of the Saco River between the New Hampshire border at Balch Pond and the Hiram Dam in the Town of Hiram. For the purposes of this resolve, this portion of the river is referred to as "the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor."

Specifically to be reviewed are various approaches to address issues including, but not limited to, boating safety, law enforcement, environmental impact of recreational uses, conflicts among recreational users and the degradation of public and private property within the corridor. The director shall seek an approach that provides for consistent management throughout the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor. The director shall work with stakeholders to consider potential effects of various management approaches on local and regional economies.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 752, L.D. 1034

1 The director shall contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental  
2 Services, Watershed Management Bureau, Rivers Management and Protection Program.  
3 The director shall invite one or more representatives from New Hampshire to join in  
4 examining the management of the Upper Delaware River as a federally designated  
5 Partnership Scenic and Recreational River and assess the benefits and drawbacks to such  
6 a designation; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Working group. Resolved:** That the director shall convene a working  
8 group, including, but not limited to, one representative of:

- 9 1. The Saco River Corridor Commission;
- 10 2. The Saco River Recreational Council;
- 11 3. The Nature Conservancy;
- 12 4. Municipal officials or citizens designated by municipal officials from the towns of  
13 Hiram, Brownfield, Denmark and Fryeburg;
- 14 5. Law enforcement;
- 15 6. Owners of campgrounds within the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor;
- 16 7. Citizens who own land and reside within the Upper Saco River Recreation  
17 Corridor;
- 18 8. Owners of working woodlots within the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor;  
19 and
- 20 9. Owners of farms within the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor.

21 The director shall seek the advice of the working group and develop options for  
22 managing the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor in consultation with the working  
23 group; and be it further

24 **Sec. 3. Recommendations and report; funding. Resolved:** That the director  
25 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
26 over public lands no later than December 15, 2007. The report must include various  
27 options for managing the Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor as a recreational  
28 waterway of statewide significance. The report must also include a recommendation for  
29 the creation of a Saco River preservation fund to fund future management of the river.'

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. It requires  
32 the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to  
33 develop options for consistent management of recreation on the Saco River from the New  
34 Hampshire border at Balch Pond to the Hiram Dam in the Town of Hiram. It adds  
35 woodlot owners and farmers to the list of interests represented on the working group  
36 convened by the director. The resolve required the director to finalize a recreation  
37 management plan and the Commission of Conservation to submit legislation to  
38 implement the plan within the same time frame. This amendment removes the latter  
39 requirement.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1034

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Resolve, To Preserve the Saco River

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund