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

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 793, L.D. 1075, Bill, "An Act To 10 Establish the Maine Local Land Trust Fund"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

#### 12 'Resolve, To Assist Maine Local Land Trusts'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary andinserting the following:

15 'Sec. 1. State agencies directed to assist local land trusts in identifying funding sources. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office 16 17 shall, in consultation with the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland 18 Fisheries and Wildlife, identify potential funding sources for acquisition projects initiated 19 by municipalities and local land trusts. The State Planning Office shall compile 20 information on state and federal programs that award grants, provide matching funds or 21 otherwise financially assist with efforts to conserve land for public recreation. Funding 22 sources for both fee purchases and acquisitions of interest in land must be included. The 23 State Planning Office shall make the information collected available to municipalities and 24 local land trusts.

For the purposes of this resolve, "local land trust" means a nonprofit organization under 26 United States Code, Section 501(c)(3) that, as provided for in its mission statement, 27 acquires land or interest in land within a defined region of the State to promote 28 stewardship or conservation of land with natural features of value to the people of that 29 region; and be it further

30 Sec. 2. Report to Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation 31 and Forestry. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall 32 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no 33 later than January 31, 2008 on its findings pursuant to section 1 and the means used to 34 disseminate this information to municipalities and local land trusts; and be it further

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# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 Sec. 3. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing 2 Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the 3 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature pertaining to the ability of 4 municipalities and local land trusts to conserve land for public recreation.'

### SUMMARY

6 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Land for Maine's Future 7 Board, in consultation with the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland 8 Fisheries and Wildlife, to compile and make available to local land trusts information on 9 funding sources. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, 10 Conservation and Forestry to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 11 123rd Legislature.

> FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# **123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## LD 1075

# LR 1801(02)

### An Act To Establish the Maine Local Land Trust Fund

# Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The additional costs to the State Planning Office, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.