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L.D. 1302  
(Filing No. H-152)

Minority  
**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 920, L.D. 1302, "Resolve, To Preserve  
Maine's Electric Energy Infrastructure"

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

**Sec. 1. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 31, 2008, the Department  
of Environmental Protection shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and  
Energy concerning the criteria that the department uses to fulfill the standards of the  
Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with respect to assessing the value  
of hydropower generation. The report must include a summary of written findings of fact  
from a representative sample of cases and written explanation of how the findings of fact  
are used in decisions regarding hydropower projects, including the methods used to  
determine the current and future value of renewable energy considering the cost of  
electricity to Maine consumers, indigenous production, greenhouse gas emissions and  
fossil fuel independence. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the  
123rd Legislature to ensure that the criteria used by the department provide the  
department with sufficient direction to fully assess the public benefit with respect to  
hydropower.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment retains the  
requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection report on the criteria it uses  
to fulfill the standards of the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with  
respect to assessing the value of hydropower generation, but removes the specific focus  
on quantitative criteria and amends the content of the report to include a summary of  
written findings of fact from a representative sample of cases and written explanation of  
how the findings of fact are used in decisions regarding hydropower projects.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1302

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Resolve, To Preserve Maine's Electric Energy Infrastructure

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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund