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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 956, L.D. 1347, Bill, "An Act To Establish Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants To Stimulate the Production, Distribution and Use of Biofuels"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Alternative Fuel Incentives To Stimulate the Production, Distribution and Use of Biofuels'

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

'Sec. 1. Study of policy options for alternative fuel incentives. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security shall study and make policy recommendations regarding the establishment of an alternative fuel incentive program to stimulate the production, distribution and use of biofuels in the State. The study must address, but is not limited to:

1. A review of alternative fuel incentive laws and programs at the federal level and in other states including, but not limited to, the state of Pennsylvania;

2. Policy options for the form and type of incentives, including, but not limited to, grants for expenses relative to retrofitting vehicles to operate on alternative fuels; grants for incremental costs of purchasing alternative fuel vehicles; grants for the purchase of refueling equipment; grants for research and development of new applications of alternative fuel vehicles; rebates for residents who purchase alternative fuel vehicles; and incentive payments to producers of alternative fuels;

3. Goals and criteria to guide the awarding of alternative fuel incentives, including, but not limited to: improvement of air quality; protection of the natural environment; economic development; promotion of indigenous resources; reduction of the State's dependence on petroleum products; cost-effective use of private and public funding; and the transfer and commercialization of alternative energy technologies;

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1 4. Policy options for administrative responsibility and oversight of an alternative fuel
2 incentive program; and

3 5. Policy options for funding alternative fuel incentives; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That by January 15, 2008 the Executive Department,
5 Office of Energy Independence and Security shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. The report
7 must include draft legislation to implement the recommendations; and be it further

8 **Sec. 3. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing
9 Committee on Utilities and Energy may submit legislation relating to the subject matter
10 of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the
13 Executive Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security to study and make
14 policy recommendations regarding the establishment of an alternative fuel incentive
15 program in the State to stimulate the production, distribution and use of biofuels. The
16 amendment requires the Office of Energy Independence and Security to report its
17 findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy
18 by January 15, 2008 and authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to
19 alternative fuel incentives to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants To Stimulate the Production, Distribution and Use of Biofuels

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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Office of Energy Independence and Security within the Executive Department can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.