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123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2007

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No. 1919

H.P. 1353

House of Representatives, June 1, 2007

**Resolve, To Provide for a Careful Examination of the Motor Fuel
Taxes**

Reported by Representative MARLEY of Portland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation pursuant to Joint Order 2007, H.P. 1342.

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Clerk

1 **Sec. 1. Examination of motor fuel taxes. Resolved:** That the Department of
2 Transportation and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall
3 examine how motor fuel taxes could be restructured to eliminate or change the current
4 indexing system, including, but not limited to, a restructuring of the taxes in a manner
5 that would replace some or all of the current taxes with some form of a sales or other tax
6 that relates to the price of the fuels. The departments shall consult with other appropriate
7 departments and experts in developing recommendations for restructuring motor fuel
8 taxes, including 2 Legislators from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, one
9 Senator appointed by the President of the Senate and one Representative appointed by the
10 Speaker of the House. The departments jointly shall report their findings together with
11 any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than
12 January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit
13 legislation relating to the motor fuel taxes to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
14 Legislature.

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SUMMARY

16 This resolve is the unanimous report of the Joint Standing Committee on
17 Transportation pursuant to Joint Order 2007, H.P. 1342. This resolve directs the
18 Department of Transportation and the Department of Administrative and Financial
19 Services, working with 2 Legislators, to examine how motor fuel taxes could be
20 restructured to eliminate or change the current indexing system. The resolve directs the
21 departments to submit their recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on
22 Transportation no later than January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on
23 Transportation is authorized to submit legislation relating to the motor fuel taxes to the
24 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study
Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Legislative Cost/Study

The cost of the per diem and expenses of the two legislators who will participate in the examination of motor fuel taxes are projected to be \$840 in fiscal year 2007-08. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$30,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 for legislative studies. Whether the amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review current motor fuel taxes and report by January 15, 2008 can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.