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**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 893, L.D. 2266, Bill, "An Act To Promote Municipal Wind Generation Development"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. 5 MRSa §3327, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Wind and other energy planning assistance. The council shall provide wind and other energy planning assistance in accordance with this subsection.

A. The council shall develop information resources and coordinate the activities of member agencies to assist the State's political subdivisions, rural electrification cooperatives and other municipal or quasi-municipal entities or municipally owned corporations that provide electric transmission, distribution or generation services to develop, design, construct, install and finance wind and other renewable electricity generation projects to the extent possible using available financing incentives under federal and state law.

B. The council shall coordinate the activities of member agencies to assist the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services in identifying and planning for the construction of wind and other renewable electricity generation projects to be located at buildings or public works now owned or leased or constructed, acquired or leased by the State or any department, office, board, commission or agency of the State for the purpose of providing all or a portion of the electricity needs of such state facilities. The council shall assist the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in developing proposals for the development of such projects to be financed from money borrowed by the State to the extent possible using available financing incentives under federal law.

The council shall form one or more advisory groups of persons with relevant expertise and experience to advise the council in undertaking its responsibilities under this subsection. In its annual report submitted pursuant to subsection 4, the council shall describe its activities pursuant to this subsection.'

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1 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 9 to 13 and inserting the following:

2 'Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3403, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3 3. Opportunities for development of wind energy resources. The chair of the  
4 Energy Resources Council established in Title 5, section 3327 shall monitor  
5 developments in technology and in state and federal law to determine whether  
6 opportunities are available for the development of wind energy resources by the State's  
7 agencies, political subdivisions, rural electrification cooperatives and other municipal or  
8 quasi-municipal entities or municipally owned corporations that provide electric  
9 transmission, distribution or generation services. The chair shall regularly advise the  
10 Energy Resources Council of the chair's findings under this subsection.'

11 Amend the bill by inserting after section 13 the following:

12 'Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and  
13 allocations are made.

14 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
15 **Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057**

16 Initiative: Provides funds for a part-time Mechanical Engineer position.

17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
18	POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.500
19	Personal Services	\$0	\$39,185
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21	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,185</b>

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23 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
24 section number to read consecutively.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment amends the provisions of the bill regarding the responsibilities of  
27 the Energy Resources Council to provide wind and other energy planning assistance to  
28 clarify that this assistance is intended to cover municipal or quasi-municipal entities and  
29 municipally owned corporations that provide electric service in addition to the State's  
30 political subdivisions and rural electrification cooperatives. It amends the provision of  
31 the bill regarding monitoring of legal and technological developments that may affect the  
32 potential for development of wind power resources to direct the chair of the Energy  
33 Resources Council, rather than the Public Utilities Commission, to do this work.

34 This amendment removes the provisions of the bill that expand the authority of  
35 municipal electric districts and rural electrification cooperatives to allow them to sell  
36 energy to wholesale customers and to buy and sell electricity products in addition to

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1 electricity and to allow municipal electric districts to sell electricity and electricity  
2 products outside the district. It also removes the provision that establishes a state policy  
3 favoring the development and ownership of wind energy projects by state agencies and  
4 political subdivisions. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations  
5 section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 04/06/08 *MAC*

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LD 2266

LR 2833(02)

## An Act To Promote Municipal Wind Generation Development

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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$39,185	\$40,360	\$41,603
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$39,185	\$40,360	\$41,603

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation includes a General Fund appropriation of \$39,185 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide funds for a part-time Mechanical Engineer position to identify and plan for the construction of wind and other renewable electricity generation projects in state-owned buildings.