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Report B
NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 238, L.D. 298, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Labeling of Wood Pellet and Biomass Heating Fuel Sold in the State"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides funding to establish labeling standards for packages of biomass heating fuel weighing 60 pounds or less and for expenses incurred in the rule-making process.

GENERAL FUND	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$13,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment is a minority report. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 298

LR 411(02)

An Act Regarding the Labeling of Wood Pellet and Biomass Heating Fuel Sold in the State

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

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil suits.

The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$13,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 to the Department of Environmental Protection to establish and implement labeling standards for packages of biomass heating fuel weighing 60 pounds or less. Of that, \$10,000 will be used to contract with a consultant having expertise in these matters to research and coordinate the preparation of major substantive rules and \$3,000 will be used for a public hearing, notices, printing, mailing and transcription services related to the rulemaking process. Subsequent enforcement and product evaluation will be absorbed by the department within existing budgeted resources.