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Date: 5/13/19

L.D. 557
(Filing No. H-275)

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 395, L.D. 557, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Study Potential Uses of a Potato Plant That Is Toxic to the Colorado Potato Beetle"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Study of a Potato Variety Demonstrating Resistance to the Colorado Potato Beetle'

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

Sec. 1. Potato variety to be studied. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Breeding Program established at the University of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the breeding program," shall determine the genetic integrity of the potato variety known as the "Shaw Potato." If the Director of the Maine Potato Breeding Program, referred to in this resolve as "the director," determines that the potato does not contain any proprietary material, the director shall work with the Maine Potato Board to develop a plan for the study of the Shaw Potato, its resistance to the Colorado potato beetle and its suitability for commercial production.

Before beginning the study, the director, in cooperation with the Maine State Grange, shall obtain the plant material to be studied and the written approval of the developer of the potato variety to proceed with the study; and be it further

Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved: That funding sources for the study include existing funds available to the breeding program from the Maine Potato Board, federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture and grants; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Board shall submit a copy of the study plan under section 1 and provide a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and to the Maine State Grange no later than December 15, 2009.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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2 This amendment directs the study of the potato variety known as the "Shaw Potato"
3 to be conducted by the University of Maine as part of the Maine Potato Breeding
4 Program. It identifies sources of funding and requires the Maine Potato Board to report
5 to the Maine State Grange in addition to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
6 Conservation and Forestry by December 15, 2009.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Maine Potato Breeding program within the University of Maine System has estimated the cost of the required study to be between \$1,500 and \$4,000 depending on whether or not problems are detected during the testing phase of the evaluation. The University of Maine System has indicated that the breeding program has sufficient funds available in its budget to absorb the costs of this evaluation. However, the ability of the breeding program to absorb the costs of any potential future studies or evaluations without impacting the existing duties of the program can not be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Maine Potato Board associated with participation in this study can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.