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An Act To Encourage Green Commerce

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: HUNT of Buxton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MARTIN of Orono, SMITH
of Monmouth, WRIGHT of Berwick.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §15303, sub-§6-D is enacted to read:

3 6-D. Incentives for green technology. The institute shall establish a grant program
4 to award funds on a competitive basis to businesses that install or operate green
5 technology. The institute is authorized to apply for funds for this grant program from the
6 conservation program fund established in Title 35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5. For
7 the purposes of this subsection, "green technology" means technology that improves
8 energy efficiency and uses renewable resources.

9 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3211-A, sub-§5, ¶E is enacted to read:

10 E. The commission is authorized to award funds to the Maine Technology Institute's
11 program to support incentives for green technology established in Title 5, section
12 15303, subsection 6-D.

13 SUMMARY

14 This bill requires the Maine Technology Institute to establish a new grant program to
15 award funds on a competitive basis to businesses that install or operate green technology
16 that improves energy efficiency and uses renewable resources. The bill authorizes the
17 Maine Technology Institute to apply for funds for this grant program from the
18 conservation program fund established in Title 35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5. It
19 also authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to award funds from the conservation
20 program fund to the Maine Technology Institute's program to support incentives for green
21 technology.