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NATURAL RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 698, L.D. 1010, "Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Review Its Rules Regarding Incinerators"

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

'Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Review Emerging Technologies and the Laws Regarding Incinerators'

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

'Sec. 1. Task force; report; authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review whether facilities using emerging waste-to-energy technologies that provide environmental and energy benefits should be excluded from the statutory ban on the establishment of new commercial incinerators under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1310-X. The department shall establish a task force to advise the department on matters relating to the review. By January 5, 2010, the department shall submit a report, including its findings, recommendations and, if needed, legislation implementing the recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to review whether facilities using emerging waste-to-energy technologies that provide environmental and energy benefits should be excluded from the statutory ban on the establishment of new commercial incinerators. The department is required to establish a task force to advise the department on matters relating to the review. The department is required to submit a report on its review to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, and the committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1010

LR 1590(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force, review and evaluate the rules related to incinerators, to prepare a report based on the findings and to perform other administrative duties can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.