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124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 722, L.D. 1047, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Review and Approval Process of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "days; and" and inserting the following: 'days; and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "such comments." and inserting the following: 'such comments- submitted under paragraphs A and B; and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph C the following:

'D. The commission has submitted the tentative plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and the committee has reviewed the plan at a public meeting. The commission shall brief the committee on any anticipated changes to land use districts and subdistricts based on revisions in the comprehensive land use plan and a projected timetable for rulemaking to adopt these changes. The tentative plan must be submitted to the committee a minimum of 30 days prior to the commission's final vote.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 2, lines 1 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Upon adoption of the official land use plan by the commission, the commission shall submit the plan to the Governor for approval. The Governor shall approve or disapprove the plan, plans or any portion of a plan within 30 days of receipt. If the Governor fails to act, the plan is deemed approved. This subsection also applies to any alteration in the comprehensive plan.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It requires the Maine Land Use Regulation

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Commission to submit a comprehensive land use plan or portions of a plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters a minimum of 30 days prior to the final vote of the commission. It requires review by the legislative committee at a public meeting prior to the commission's vote. The commission must brief the committee on anticipated rule changes resulting from the revised plan. It retains the Governor's role in the process as it is under current law.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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An Act To Amend the Review and Approval Process of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The additional costs for one additional committee meeting per year to review certain comprehensive land use plans are projected to be \$1,625 annually beginning in fiscal year 2009-10. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 annually in fiscal year 2009-10 and fiscal year 2010-11 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.