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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 434, L.D. 1186, "Resolve, To Facilitate the Creation and Expansion of Certain Business Sectors"

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

'Resolve, To Facilitate the Creation and Expansion of an Identified Business Sector'

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

'Sec. 1. Removal of regulatory barriers for identified business sector.

Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall identify a business sector in this State, such as wind power development or aquaculture, and convene a working group of representatives of that identified sector. The working group shall identify problems in the regulatory process that impede the development or expansion of that business sector. Following identification of the impediments, the working group shall consult with the agencies in charge of regulation of that industry and coordinate feedback from the Executive Department, State Planning Office, Maine Regulatory Fairness Board to determine solutions, including streamlining the regulatory process, to those identified impediments.

The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, along with legislation necessary to overcome the identified impediments, no later than December 15, 2009 to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on the recommendations of the department's report.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment reduces from 3 to one the business sectors in the resolve that the Department of Economic and Community Development is required to identify in order to convene the working group.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1186

LR 1211(02)

Resolve, To Facilitate the Creation and Expansion of Certain Business Sectors

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the State Planning Office and the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene a working group and conduct the required review can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.