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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 539, L.D. 1453, Bill, "An Act To Reform Natural Resources Agencies and Establish the Department of Natural Resources"

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

'Resolve, To Implement the Consensus Recommendations of the Governor's Natural Resources Agency Task Force'

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

Sec. 1. Commissioners to develop an implementation plan. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioners," shall work together to develop a report that includes a plan and timetable to implement the 8 major recommendations of the 2008 report of the Governor's natural resources agency task force, which concern marketing Maine's natural resources; reviewing business processes involved in natural resources agency ministerial licenses to create a system that serves all clients; consolidating management of state boat launch facilities; collocating natural resources agency staff in regional offices; aligning natural resources agency districts; establishing a single entity to manage public lands and public access consistent with management goals; prioritizing natural resources programs and services to focus on critical needs; and reviewing natural resources advisory boards and committees regarding effectiveness. In developing the report, the commissioners shall also consider best practices of other states; improved delivery of services and programs to businesses, industry and individuals; more efficient use of technology, equipment and facilities; and the cost-effectiveness of each major recommendation; and be it further

Sec. 2. Implementation. Resolved: That the commissioners shall undertake actions to implement the recommendations under section 1 within existing authority; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Reform Natural Resources Agencies and Establish the Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Departments of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Conservation, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources involved with developing an implementation plan of recommendations 1-8 of the 2008 report of the Governor's Natural Resource Agency Task Force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.