

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

5
SMG
2/22/10

Date: 2/22/10

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1221, L.D. 1720, Bill, "An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Waste-to-energy Power'

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

'Sec. 1. Waste-to-energy power; examination. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall examine the issue of qualifying certain waste-to-energy power for renewable energy credits and renewable resource portfolio requirements. The examination must include, but is not limited to:

1. Relevant legislative proposals and actions in the United States Congress and in other states, with particular attention to other states within New England;

2. Appropriate qualifying criteria and technologies, including but not limited to advanced pyrolysis technology;

3. Potential implications of allowing certain waste-to-energy power to qualify for renewable energy credits and renewable resource portfolio requirements, including but not limited to impacts on the market for renewable energy credits and the environment; and

4. Consideration of the renewable resource portfolio requirements specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210 and the solid waste management hierarchy specified in Title 38, section 2101.

In carrying out the examination under this section, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, at a minimum, consult with the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and the Efficiency Maine Trust; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

PL 5.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by February 15, 2011, the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. After its review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature relating to the report.'

8

SUMMARY

9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment directs the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security to examine the issue of qualifying certain waste-to-energy power for renewable energy credits and renewable resource portfolio requirements, with consideration of relevant policy developments, technologies, potential implications and current laws. In conducting the examination, the office is required to consult with the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and the Efficiency Maine Trust. This amendment requires the office to submit a report of its findings and recommendations by February 15, 2011 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters and authorizes the committee to submit a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1720

LR 2432(02)

An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power

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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security, Department of Environmental Protection, Public Utilities Commission and Efficiency Maine Trust can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.