



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 733

In Senate, March 16, 2010

Resolve, To Continue Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation Options for the State

Reported by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Sec. 1. Continuation of stakeholder group; membership. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection with a stakeholder group authorized pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16 shall continue to evaluate the options and actions available to Maine people and businesses to prepare for and adapt to the most likely impacts of climate change in accordance with Resolve 2009, chapter 16; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved: That, by January 31, 2011, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report on the progress on developing a plan for state climate change adaptation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters. By January 31, 2012, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a final plan for state climate change adaptation to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

Sec. 3. Authority to submit a bill. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may submit a bill relating to each report under section 2 to the 125th Legislature.

#### SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection with a stakeholder group to continue to evaluate the options and actions available to Maine people and businesses for adapting to the most likely impacts of climate change pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16. It requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters in 2011 and 2012 and authorizes the committee to submit a bill relating to each report to the 125th Legislature.

# FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Committee: Natural Resources Fiscal Note Required: No

### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Any costs associated with continuing to evaluate climate change impacts and available options, developing a plan for state climate adaptation, and presenting the plan to the Natural Resources Committee and the Governor can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection within existing budgeted resources.