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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886,
L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar
and Wind Energy"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the
following:

**'An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Cost-effective
Technologies'**

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in the first line (page 1, line 16 in
amendment) by striking out the following: "Renewable Energy Rebate Program
Fund" and inserting in its place the following: 'Cost-effective Low-income Energy
Fund'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 1
(page 1, lines 17 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'1. Fund established. There is established the Cost-effective Low-income Energy
Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to be used by the trust solely for the
purposes of providing rebates for cost-effective electric technologies, including solar
photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies, heat pumps and other technologies that may
be used to reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the trust.
The trust may provide rebates only to those persons eligible to participate in the Low-
income Home Energy Assistance Program administered through the United States
Department of Health and Human Services. Any interest on funds in the fund must be
credited to the fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year remain in the fund to be used for
the purposes of this subsection.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in subsection 3 in paragraph A
(page 2, lines 5 and 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "a solar photovoltaic
or solar thermal technology" and inserting the following: 'solar photovoltaic and solar
thermal technologies, heat pumps or other technologies'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in subsection 3 by striking out all of
paragraph B (page 2, lines 7 to 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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1 'B. A natural person is eligible to receive a rebate from funds collected pursuant to
2 this section only if that person is a resident of this State. The trust may provide
3 rebates only to those persons eligible to participate in the Low-income Home Energy
4 Assistance Program administered through the United States Department of Health
5 and Human Services.'

6 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

7 **'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
8 allocations are made.

9 **EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

10 **Cost-effective Low-income Energy Fund N170**

11 Initiative: Provides an allocation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to establish the
12 Cost-effective Low-income Energy Fund for rebates to certain persons for the installation
13 and use of cost-effective electric technologies, including solar photovoltaic and solar
14 thermal technologies, heat pumps and other technologies.

15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
16	All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment changes the name of the fund established in Committee Amendment
22 "A" to the Cost-effective Low-income Energy Fund. This amendment requires the fund
23 to be used for cost-effective electric technologies, including heat pumps and other
24 technologies that reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the
25 Efficiency Maine Trust.

26 This amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section in
27 Committee Amendment "A" to reflect the changes made by this amendment.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

29 (See attached)

30 SPONSORED BY:  _____

31 (Representative HARVELL)

32 TOWN: Farmington



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LD 1252

LR 1157(05)

An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy

Fiscal Note for House Amendment **A** to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Harvell of Farmington

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The committee amendment created the Renewable Energy Rebate Fund. This amendment changes the name to the Cost-effective Low-income Energy Fund and the allocations and transfers in the committee amendment are moved to the new fund. This amendment limits the eligibility for the rebates to people who participate in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program, which may reduce the number of rebates given.