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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 542, L.D. 1468, Bill, "An Act To Establish
9 the High-efficiency Biomass Pellet Boiler Rebate Program and the Home Heating
10 Conversion Fund"

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

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**'Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Study the Potential Benefits
13 and Barriers Involved in Making Renewable Thermal Technologies Eligible for
14 Qualification in Maine's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard'**

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

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'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, referred to in
18 this resolve as "the commission," is directed to conduct a comprehensive study of the
19 potential benefits and barriers involved in making renewable thermal technologies
20 eligible for qualification in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard. As part of the
21 study, the commission shall review the ongoing rulemaking of the New Hampshire Public
22 Utilities Commission in response to the New Hampshire General Court's 2012 legislative
23 enactment of an electric renewable portfolio standard special class for thermal renewable
24 energy certificates; stay apprised of recommendations in response to Senate Docket, No.
25 1970, "An Act relative to credit for thermal energy generated with renewable fuels,"
26 which was recently passed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court's Joint
27 Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy and is being studied by a
28 working group in the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; and review the
29 progress of HB 0931, "An Act concerning Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard -
30 Thermal Energy," introduced in the Maryland General Assembly; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall report the findings of the
32 study under section 1 and any suggested legislation recommended for introduction to the
33 First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature to the joint standing committee of the
34 Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters no later than February 2, 2015.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to study the potential benefits and barriers involved in making renewable thermal technologies eligible for qualification in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard. In conducting this study, the commission is directed to examine and consider the renewable energy portfolio standards of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maryland.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator JACKSON, T.)

COUNTY: Aroostook

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 03/11/14 *MAC*

126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1468

LR 1219(07)

An Act To Establish the High-efficiency Biomass Pellet Boiler Rebate Program and the Home Heating Conversion Fund

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "G" to Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment replaces the bill and requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to study the potential benefits and barriers involved in making renewable thermal technologies eligible for qualification in Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard and report to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The only remaining fiscal impact is a minor cost to the PUC to study and monitor certain out-of-state legislation and rules that can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.