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### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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### 127TH LEGISLATURE

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### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 244, L.D. 357, "Resolve, To Study  
Options for a State Demand Response Program"

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Amend the resolve by adding after the 4th paragraph after the title the following:

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'Whereas, the existing regional demand response program rules do not adequately  
address the needs of Maine electricity consumers; and'

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

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**'Sec. 1. Study of options for a state demand response program. Resolved:**

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That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall, using existing resources, study options for a state  
demand response program that will produce electricity consumer and electrical grid  
benefits and that will allow and encourage participation of Maine electricity consumers in  
the program. In conducting its study, the trust shall consult with the Governor's Energy  
Office, the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate and ISO-New  
England and shall survey other states in New England regarding their interest in demand  
response programs at the state or regional level and consider demand response program  
rules that do not unduly burden or discourage consumer participation. The trust shall  
solicit the involvement of transmission and distribution utilities and electricity consumers  
in the State and determine consumer preferences for demand response program elements  
and rules. The trust shall issue a draft report and accept comments from the public and  
other interested parties. The trust shall coordinate with the other state agencies involved  
in order to efficiently and effectively solicit such public comment. The trust shall submit  
a report of its study and conclusions, including recommended legislation, by February 1,  
2016 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, which may  
report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment adds language to the preamble. The amendment also adds language  
that encourages participation of Maine electricity consumers in the state demand response  
program. The amendment also includes the Office of the Public Advocate as a consultant

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 to the Efficiency Maine Trust's study. The amendment also requires that in the survey  
2 with other New England states the trust gauge interest in program rules that do not unduly  
3 burden or discourage consumer participation. The amendment also requires that the trust  
4 solicit the involvement of transmission and distribution utilities. The amendment also  
5 directs the trust to coordinate with other state agency participants to more effectively and  
6 efficiently solicit public comment. Lastly, the amendment authorizes the Joint Standing  
7 Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology to report out a bill to the Second Regular  
8 Session of the 127th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 357

LR 1581(02)

**Resolve, To Study Options for a State Demand Response Program**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Efficiency Maine Trust

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) study options for a state demand response program producing electricity consumer and electrical grid benefits and submit a report of its study to the Legislature by February 1, 2016. The EMT has indicated that this study will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 and that it already has sufficient resources available to cover the cost. Any additional costs to the Governor's Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission and Office of the Public Advocate to consult with the EMT are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.