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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act To Amend the Community-based Renewable Energy Project
Laws for Purposes of the Mayo Mill Project**

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representative: STEARNS of Guilford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3603, sub-§2, ¶¶B and D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 329,
3 Pt. A, §4, are amended to read:

4 B. The total installed generating capacity of all program participants combined may
5 not exceed ~~50~~ 60 megawatts.

6 D. Of the ~~50-megawatt~~ 60-megawatt limit on total generating capacity under
7 paragraph B, 10 megawatts must be reserved at the outset of the program for program
8 participants that:

9 (1) Have an installed generating capacity of less than 100 kilowatts; or

10 (2) Are located in the service territory of a consumer-owned transmission and
11 distribution utility.

12 The commission may modify the amount of generating capacity reserved under this
13 paragraph based on program experience.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Under the community-based renewable energy pilot program, administered by the
16 Public Utilities Commission, the total installed generating capacity of all program
17 participants may not exceed 50 megawatts. That limit has been reached.

18 This bill increases the maximum generating capacity to 60 megawatts, which will
19 allow other projects, including the Mayo Mill project in Dover-Foxcroft, to participate in
20 the program.