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L.D. 1221

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 839,  
L.D. 1221, Bill, "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating  
Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 13 in  
L.D.)'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 15 to 31 in  
amendment) and inserting the following:

'2. Efficiency Maine Trust funds. An amount equal to \$300,000 must be transferred annually to the office from the conservation program fund authorized in section 10110, subsection 7 at Efficiency Maine Trust, established in section 10103, unless federal funds are adequate to meet the funding needs of the office. The commissioner shall keep an accounting of the office's resources devoted to its various duties and activities, including that portion of its resources devoted to activities in support of or reasonably related to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The commissioner shall provide the accounting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters as part of its annual report under section 10205, subsection 3. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs with regard to any proposed allocation of Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the office. In accordance with any legislative allocation or deallocation of Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the office, the commissioner shall request from the Efficiency Maine Trust and the trust shall provide the allocated resources to the office.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Governor's Energy Office Z122

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 839, L.D. 1221

1 Initiative: Provides allocations to establish a new deputy commissioner position and for  
2 related costs.

3	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
4	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
5	Personal Services	\$65,987	\$89,840
6	All Other	\$1,875	\$2,500
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8	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$67,862</u>	<u>\$92,340</u>

9 **Governor's Energy Office Z122**

10 Initiative: Provides allocations for activities relating to energy resources, planning and  
11 development.

12	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
13	All Other	\$232,138	\$207,660
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15	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$232,138</u>	<u>\$207,660</u>

16 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
17 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

18		<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
19	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
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21	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
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23 Amend the amendment by inserting after section 8 the following:  
 24 'Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.'  
 25 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter  
 26 or section number to read consecutively.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment incorporates the substance of House Amendment "C" to Committee

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 839, L.D. 1221

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Amendment "A" except that it removes the provisions from the bill and amendment that alter the process for appointing the Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 

(Representative WADSWORTH)

TOWN: Hiram



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1221

LR 207(12)

## An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act

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

Sponsor: Rep. Wadsworth of Hiram

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Transfer from Efficiency Maine Trust to Maine Energy Office

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$90,483)	(\$92,340)	(\$96,934)	(\$99,671)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$90,483)	(\$92,340)	(\$96,934)	(\$99,671)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the General Fund appropriations of \$90,483 and \$92,340 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, that were in the committee amendment. It requires \$300,000 to be transferred annually from Efficiency Maine Trust's (EMT) conservation program fund for electric efficiency and conservation programs to the Maine Energy Office (MEO). EMT has indicated that this fund has sufficient resources to absorb this annual transfer. The committee amendment had limited these transfers to a total of \$300,000 over time. The amendment adds Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the MEO of \$232,138 and \$207,660 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, to fund certain activities related to energy resources, planning and development. The amendment also adds Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$67,862 and \$92,340 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, to establish a deputy commissioner position within the MEO. The amendment removes the emergency preamble and clause from the bill and this fiscal note assumes that the bill will become law on October 1, 2015.