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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7	129TH LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	A
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 162, L.D. 199, Bill, "An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee"
11 12	Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagaraph (1) by inserting after division (a) a new division to read:
13 14	'(b) The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Agricultural Water Management Board;'
15 16	Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagaraph (1) by relettering the divisions to read alphabetically.
17 18 19	Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) by striking out all of divisions (g) and (h) (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
20	'(g) Water conservation education; and
21	(h) Stormwater management or wastewater management.
22 23 24	Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 31 and 32, page 2, lines 1 to 38 and page 3, lines 1 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
25 26 27	'B. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and report annually to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, beginning in August 2020. The committee shall plan for the sustainable use of water resources. The committee shall focus on:
28	(1) Collecting and reviewing information regarding water withdrawal activities;
29	(2) Coordinating state water resources information; and
30	(3) Identifying watersheds at risk by refining the most recent analysis of
31	watersheds at risk performed by the Bureau of Resource Information and Land
32	Use Planning, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine
22	Geological Survey including

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, d 3.	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 162, L.D. 199
1 2	(a) Conducting appropriate water resources investigations in watersheds at risk;
3 4	(b) Considering projected increased water use by population, agricultural irrigation, commercial users, industrial users and other users;
5	(c) Considering seasonal use;
6	(d) Considering potential effects of climate change;
7 8	(e) Considering the effects of anticipated future water quality classification changes on the availability of water for withdrawal;
9 10 11	(f) In establishing priorities for further investigations, seeking input from the user community, from towns dealing with multimunicipal aquifers and from towns with significant local aquifers; and
12	(g) Developing guidelines for consistency in further investigations.'
13 14	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
15	SUMMARY
16	This amendment adds to committee membership personnel from the Department of
17	Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Agricultural Water Management Board and a
18	member of the public with expertise in stormwater management or wastewater
19	management. The amendment strikes the requirement that a member of the public with
20	expertise in water advocacy serves on the committee. The amendment strikes the
21	requirement that the committee focus on developing a strategy for protecting and
22	managing groundwater resources in this State if worldwide clean water resources are
23	threatened. The amendment also strikes phases 2 and 3 in which the committee is

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required to focus effort.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



### 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 199

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An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment  $\sqrt{r}(H-87)$ Committee: Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Health and Human Services to participate in the Water Resources Planning Committee are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.