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REPORT C

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 275, L.D. 946, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Online Customer Information"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Attorney General To Study the Privacy of Online Customer Information'

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

'Sec. 1. Study of online customer privacy issues. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall, in consultation with industry and customer stakeholders, study and make recommendations regarding the State's role in the regulation of the privacy of online customer information. The study shall include consideration of:

- 1. Regulations to protect the privacy of customers of broadband Internet access service providers;
- 2. Designation of a chief privacy officer for the State and what the responsibilities of that officer would be;
- 3. Whether to regulate businesses that handle the data of customers with whom they have a direct relationship; and
- 4. Other relevant customer data privacy issues identified by the Attorney General.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 31, 2020, the Attorney General shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations from the study in section 1, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Provides funds in each year of the biennium only to retain a contracted cyber investigator who will assist in compiling the study.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve directs the Attorney General, in consultation with industry and customer stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the State's role in the regulation of the privacy of online customer information. It requires the Attorney General to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 31, 2020 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 946

LR 1031(03)

An Act To Protect the Privacy of Online Customer Information

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (5-134)
 Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General to study and make recommendations regarding the State's role in the regulation of online customer information, including consulting industry and consumer stakeholders. The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 in each year of the biennium only to retain one contracted cyber investigator with the specialized expertise necessary for the study.