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In Senate, March 7, 2019

An Act To Amend the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Process

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10308, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 B. The board shall review and award annually funding requests for specific projects
5 from natural resources agencies. The board may award grants only to proposals that
6 conform to the strategic plan adopted pursuant to paragraph A. Grant proposals that
7 establish a public-private partnership are encouraged. Grant proposals must include a
8 stated purpose, a time line, potential outcomes, a budget and an explanation of need.
9 No more than 20% of all grant funds may be awarded to projects of natural resources
10 agencies. Members of the board who are members of natural resources agencies may
11 not participate in decisions awarding funding to their natural resources agencies.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill limits the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board to awarding no more than
14 20% of all grant funds to projects of the State's natural resources agencies. It also
15 prohibits members of the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board who are members of
16 natural resources agencies from participating in decisions awarding funding to their
17 natural resources agencies.