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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1048, L.D. 1436, "Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Negotiate with the Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in Maine"

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

'Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Engage with the Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in Maine'

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

'Sec. 1. Coordinated state agencies to engage with the governing leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited for sustainability-centered repurposing of stranded and at-risk infrastructure assets in Maine. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office in coordination shall engage directly with the executive and board leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited parent companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil Limited to examine opportunities for repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and related real estate holdings in the State, including consideration of a redevelopment strategy and revenue model acceptable to those companies' investors in accordance with the companies' own sustainability goals. The asset to be addressed by the examination is the pipeline itself, which is to be examined for repurposing as a conduit for high-voltage electric transmission lines. The examination of repurposing must consider opportunities for existing Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited employees to direct their efforts toward the technical and management opportunities created by repurposing of the pipeline.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The scope of work under this section may include coordination with other state
2 agencies and local jurisdictions as well as coordination with regulators in New
3 Hampshire, Vermont and the provincial government of Quebec, Canada.

4 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That no later than February 15, 2020, the Department
5 of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office shall
6 submit a joint report on the efforts undertaken pursuant to this resolve to the Joint
7 Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.'

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

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment amends the resolve in the following ways.

12 1. It changes the title of the resolve.

13 2. It removes the emergency preamble and clause.

14 3. It directs the Department of Economic and Community Development and the
15 Governor's Energy Office to lead an effort to engage, rather than negotiate, with the
16 executive and board leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe
17 Line Limited parent companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil
18 Limited to examine opportunities for repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and
19 related real estate holdings in the State.

20 4. It removes references to creating an alternative to the New England Clean Energy
21 Connect transmission project.

22 5. It removes the provision that required the Joint Standing Committee on
23 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business to appoint a project
24 liaison or project liaisons to coordinate the proposal over a 6-month period.

25 6. It removes the moratorium on state agency approval of permits related to the New
26 England Clean Energy Connect transmission project.

27 7. It adds a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
28 Technology by February 15, 2020.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**



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Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in Maine**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-4/4)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.