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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 565,
L.D. 1711, Bill, "An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation
Resources in Maine"

Amend the amendment in Part A, section 4 in §3209-B in subsection 1 in paragraph
C in the last line (page 3, line 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "subsection
1." and inserting the following: 'subsection 1.'

Amend the amendment in Part B by striking out all of sections 1 to 3 and inserting
the following:

Sec. B-1. 35-A MRSA §3210-G is enacted to read:

§3210-G. Additional long-term contracts

The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to
enter into contracts for distributed resources in accordance with this section. For
purposes of this section, "distributed resource" means an electric generating facility that
uses a renewable fuel or technology under section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-3,
regardless of its power production capacity, and is located in the service territory of a
transmission and distribution utility in the State.

1. Solicitations. For the purposes of selecting potential distributed resources for
contracting under this section, the commission shall conduct at least 2 competitive
solicitations by January 1, 2025. Following review of bids, the commission may
negotiate with one or more potential suppliers. If only one bid is offered, the commission
shall ensure that negotiations are based on full project cost disclosure by the potential
supplier. The commission shall negotiate contracts that are commercially reasonable and
that commit all parties to commercially reasonable behavior, except that a contract may
not exceed 100 megawatts in capacity. The commission may direct investor-owned
transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts for distributed resources
pursuant to this section only to the extent the aggregate projected costs of all contracts
entered into does not exceed the commission's best estimate of the aggregate costs of
long-term contracts for 375 megawatts of distributed resources if the capacity of each
resource were limited to no more than 5 megawatts of capacity.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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2. Disposition of resources. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall sell distributed resource capacity, energy or renewable energy credits purchased pursuant to this section or take other action relative to such resources, energy or renewable energy credits as directed by the commission.

3. Cost recovery. The commission shall ensure that all costs and direct financial benefits associated with contracts entered into under this section are allocated to ratepayers in accordance with section 3210-F. A price differential existing at any time during the term of the contract between the contract price and the prevailing market price at which the capacity resource is sold or any gains or losses derived from contracts for differences must be reflected in the amounts charged to ratepayers and may not be considered imprudent.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces Part B of the amendment. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts for distributed resources, defined as electric generating facilities that use a renewable fuel or technology, regardless of power production capacity, and that are located in the service territory of a transmission and distribution utility in the State. The commission is required to conduct at least 2 competitive solicitations by January 1, 2025 to select distributed resources for contracting. The commission, however, may direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts for distributed resources only to the extent the aggregate projected costs of all contracts entered into does not exceed the commission's best estimate of the aggregate costs of long-term contracts for 375 megawatts of distributed resources if the capacity of each resource were limited to no more than 5 megawatts of capacity.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative FOSTER)

TOWN: Dexter



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1711

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An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"
 Sponsor: Rep. Foster of Dexter
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$734,983)	(\$851,658)	(\$863,576)	(\$875,825)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$734,983)	(\$851,658)	(\$863,576)	(\$875,826)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment replaces portions of the bill regarding the procurement of distributed generation. Under this amendment, the Public Utilities Commission would be required to conduct at least two solicitations for long-term contracts to acquire distributed energy resources and must do that without exceeding the aggregate cost of the procurement process it replaces. Additional staff would no longer be needed and the allocations in the committee amendment for staff and contracted consultants are reversed.