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L.D. 245 Date: 7/19/21 (Filing No. S-406) Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate. 3 STATE OF MAINE 4 5 SENATE 130TH LEGISLATURE 6 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 7 - SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 106, 8 L.D. 245, "An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts" 9 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1. 10 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting the 11 12 following: Sec. 3. Small consumer-owned water utility infrastructure grants. The 13 Department of Environmental Protection shall provide grants to small consumer-owned 14 water utilities for infrastructure improvements. The department shall adopt rules necessary 15 to implement this section, including rules to determine how grants are awarded and to 16 establish caps on grant amounts. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine 17 technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 18 19 For the purposes of this section, "small consumer-owned water utility" has the same 20 meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6104-A, subsection 1, 21 22 paragraph C.' Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or 23 section number to read consecutively. 24 **SUMMARY** 25 This amendment removes from Committee Amendment "A" the provision that creates 26 the Small Consumer-owned Water Utility Infrastructure Fund and instead directs the 27 Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants for infrastructure improvements 28 to small consumer-owned water utilities. 29 **SPONSORED BY:** 30

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(Senator DAVIS, P.)

COUNTY: Piscataquis



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An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (5-402)

Sponsor: Sen. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Net Cost (Savings)	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
General Fund	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0	ψV
Transfers General Fund Other Special Revenue Funds	\$200,000 (\$200,000)	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the creation of the Small Consumer-owned Water Utility Infrastructure Fund in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), removes the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to that fund and removes the related allocation to the DHHS. The amendment directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide grants to small consumer-owned water utilities for infrastructure improvements. The DEP is expected to use American Rescue Plan funding that is included in LD 1733 to provide the grants.