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(Filing No. H-376)

Majority

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 396, L.D. 551, "An Act To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10102, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Low-income. "Low-income" means, when used to describe an individual or member of a household:

A. An individual or member of a household participating in any local, state or federal program that is based on income eligibility; or

B. An individual or member of a household that meets certain income eligibility criteria specified by the trust by rule.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§4, ¶F, as amended by PL 2019, c. 313, §5 and c. 476, §4, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2) and enacting the following in its place:

(2) For the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending January 1, 2030, weatherizing 35,000 homes and businesses, with at least 10,000 of such weatherization projects completed in homes owned or occupied by low-income individuals or households through the combined efforts of the trust and the Maine State Housing Authority.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §6, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (1) and enacting the following in its place:

(1) For the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending January 1, 2030, to weatherize 35,000 homes and businesses, with at least 10,000 of such

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weatherization projects completed in homes owned or occupied by low-income individuals or households through the combined efforts of the trust and the Maine State Housing Authority; and

Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund Z103

Initiative: Provides funding to the Efficiency Maine Trust to be deposited in the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10119 to be used for the weatherization of homes and businesses in accordance with Title 35-A, section 10119, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (1).

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$25,000,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the bill as follows.

1. It amends the definition of "low-income" provided in the bill to allow the Efficiency Maine Trust to alternatively define that term by rule based on certain specified eligibility criteria.
2. It clarifies the weatherization goals described in the bill.
3. It removes from the bill the allowance for Efficiency Maine Trust funds for conservation programs that help reduce energy costs for electricity consumers to be used toward the achievement of the weatherization goals described in the bill.
4. It includes a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund within the Efficiency Maine Trust to support the weatherization of homes and businesses.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 551

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An Act To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund within the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) to support the weatherization of homes and businesses. Additional costs to the EMT as a result of changes to the definition of "low income" and weatherization goals are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.