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L.D. 768

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Date: 5/27/21

(Filing No. H-261)

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**INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND
BUSINESS**

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130TH LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 573, L.D. 768, "An Act To Explore
Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries"

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

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**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development and a
Representative from the Office of the Governor To Study the Softwood Pulp Industry'**

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

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'Sec. 1. Softwood pulp industry. Resolved: That the Department of Economic
and Community Development and a representative from the Office of the Governor shall
work together with representatives of the forest products industry to study and make
recommendations relating to the surplus of low-grade softwood in the State as a result of
the recent closure of pulp and paper mills in the State and the impact it has had on the
softwood pulp industry and landowners. The department shall submit a report to the Joint
Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
by February 1, 2022. The report must include recommendations for supporting the forest
products industry and employment in that sector in this State. The committee may report
out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.'

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the concept draft with a resolve directing the Department of
Economic and Community Development and a representative of the Office of the Governor
to study the softwood pulp industry.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 768

LR 1101(02)

An Act To Explore Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A (H-261)"
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
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 to the Governor's Office to conduct the required study and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.