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L.D. 937

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3                   **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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5                                   **STATE OF MAINE**  
6                                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
7                                   **130TH LEGISLATURE**  
8                                   **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

9           COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 693, L.D. 937, "Resolve, To Facilitate  
10 the Provision of Incentives for Soil Carbon Storage"

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

12           '**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and**  
13           **the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Jointly Develop**  
14           **Recommendations Regarding Carbon Storage Programs and Policies'**

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

16           '**Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and**  
17           **Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop recommendations**  
18           **regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved:** That the Department  
19           of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
20           Wildlife shall jointly develop recommendations for the establishment of programs and  
21           policies to promote and incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration  
22           of soil carbon on natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers,  
23           including, but not limited to, technical assistance and financial incentives for that purpose.  
24           The departments shall consult with stakeholders with expertise on carbon storage  
25           programs, agriculture, forestry, land management and economic incentives for carbon  
26           storage and with members of the Maine Climate Council's working lands working group  
27           established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A, subsection 7,  
28           paragraph D.

29           **Sec. 2. Reports regarding carbon storage programs and policies.**  
30           **Resolved:** That, on or before March 1, 2022, the departments under section 1 shall submit  
31           an interim report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on  
32           Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill  
33           to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the interim report. On or before  
34           September 1, 2022, the departments shall submit a final report with findings and  
35           recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
36           over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters, and the joint standing committee may

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1 submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject  
2 matter of the report.'

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

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces  
7 the resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and  
8 Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to jointly develop  
9 recommendations for the establishment of programs and policies to promote and  
10 incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration of soil carbon on  
11 natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers.

12 The amendment directs the departments to submit an interim report, on or before March  
13 1, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and  
14 provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature  
15 relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment directs the departments to  
16 submit a final report, on or before September 1, 2022, to the joint standing committee of  
17 the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters and  
18 provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session  
19 of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

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Approved: 05/11/21 *MAC*



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LR 496(02)

Resolve, To Facilitate the Provision of Incentives for Soil Carbon Storage

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-161)*  
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of the provisions of this resolve are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.