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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 130TH LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

8 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 432,
9 L.D. 1350, "An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy"

10 Amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

11 **'Sec. 3. Public Utilities Commission to review the potential effects of**
12 **implementing certain renewable energy and energy storage programs.** The
13 Public Utilities Commission shall review the potential effects of implementing renewable
14 energy and energy storage programs in accordance with this section:

15 1. The potential risks and rewards associated with the commission engaging, in the
16 future, in an additional competitive solicitation for energy or renewable energy credits
17 equal to at least 7.5% of the retail electricity sales in the State; and

18 2. The potential risks and rewards associated with the Efficiency Maine Trust
19 establishing, in the future, a program to finance and own renewable energy generation
20 projects and energy storage systems, including through private sector partnerships,
21 purchasing or leasing real property rights in the State, contracting for the development,
22 construction, operation and maintenance of renewable energy generation projects and
23 energy storage systems by 3rd parties and using the proceeds of bonds issued for Efficiency
24 Maine Trust projects for a program under this subsection. A review under this subsection
25 must include the anticipated long-term impacts to ratepayers, including but not limited to
26 savings and costs; owners' equity in potential projects, including but not limited to the
27 market value of any projects owned by ratepayers if the project is sold; and cash reserves
28 belonging to ratepayers and to be held in trust in association with any future project. For
29 purposes of this subsection, "long-term" means the first 30 years after implementation of a
30 program reviewed under this subsection.

31 The commission may contract for this review as necessary to meet the requirements of
32 this section.

33 No later than March 1, 2023, the commission shall submit to the joint standing
34 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology
35 matters a report with its findings on its review under this section. The joint standing
36 committee may submit legislation related to the report to the First Regular Session of the
37 131st Legislature.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation for contracted services.

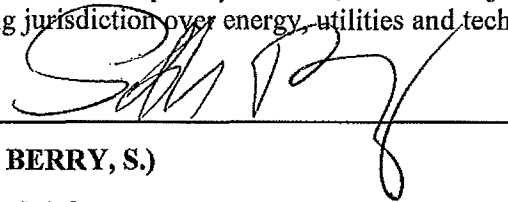
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "B" by directing the Public Utilities Commission to review the potential effects of implementing certain renewable energy and energy storage programs and to report by March 1, 2023 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters.

SPONSORED BY: _____



(Representative BERRY, S.)

TOWN: Bowdoinham

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1350

LR 1499(09)

An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B"

Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

(H-1049)

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment includes a one-time allocation to the Public Utilities Commission of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for contracted services to complete the various studies added by this amendment. The PUC is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures allocated by the Legislature for operating the PUC. The increased allocations in this bill require a corresponding increase in revenue from the assessment on transmission and distribution utilities.