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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1162, L.D. 1565, "An Act To Strengthen
Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy"

Amend the bill in section 2 in c. 10-C in §320-C in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page
2, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "11" and inserting the following: '15'

Amend the bill in section 2 in c. 10-C in §320-C in subsection 2 in paragraph H in the
last line (page 3, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in c. 10-C in §320-C in subsection 2 in paragraph I in the
last line (page 3, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1" and inserting the
following: '1'

Amend the bill in section 2 in c. 10-C in §320-C in subsection 2 by inserting after
paragraph I the following:

'J. One member from a statewide group representing the logging and trucking industry;

K. One member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band
in this State; and

L. Two members who represent historically underserved racial populations in nondairy
farming.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in c. 10-C in §320-C in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page
3, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3" and inserting the following: '2'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for contracted facilitation services.

GENERAL FUND

2021-22

2022-23

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1	All Other	\$72,400	\$0
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$72,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4	Bureau of Agriculture 0393		
5	Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for reimbursement of expenses of the Maine		
6	Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board.		
7	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
8	All Other	\$4,800	\$4,800
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,800</u>	<u>\$4,800</u>
11	Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383		
12	Initiative: Provides allocation to establish a new fund.		
13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
14	All Other	\$500	\$500
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16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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18	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
19	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
20	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
21			
22	GENERAL FUND	\$77,200	\$4,800
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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25	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$77,700</u>	<u>\$5,300</u>

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

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, increases from 11 to
31 15 the number of members appointed to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest
32 Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board jointly by the Commissioner of
33 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Commissioner of Economic and
34 Community Development. The amendment adds one board member from a statewide
35 group representing the logging and trucking industry; one board member who is a member
36 of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State; and 2 board members
37 who represent historically underserved racial populations in nondairy farming. The
38 amendment decreases from 3 to 2 the number of consecutive 3-year terms a board member
39 may serve. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1565

LR 54(02)

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(ACH-520)*

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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	\$77,200	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$77,200	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would create the Maine Agriculture, Food Systems and Forestry Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board and creates the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund (MAFFIF) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries. The bill also directs the ACF to work with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and other relevant entities to develop an assessment of how to utilize the board and fund to promote investment into the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries and report on the findings by December 1, 2021. ACF has indicated that to complete the assessment within the provided timeline, it needs to utilize contracted services. The bill includes a one-time appropriation of \$72,400 in fiscal year 2021-22 for contracted services and ongoing appropriations of \$4,800 starting in fiscal year 2021-22 for reimbursement of board expenses. The bill also includes ongoing allocations of \$500 starting in fiscal year 2021-22 to establish the MAFFIF fund.

Additional costs to DECD for the Commissioner or the commissioner's designee to serve on the board and to work with ACF and other relevant entities to develop the required assessment can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.