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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1385, L.D. 1875, "An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities"

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

'Resolve, To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution at State-owned Solid Waste Landfills'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, to complete the study directed by this legislation, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services is anticipated to need to contract, consistent with the State's procurement law, with an outside entity with expertise in landfill or wastewater treatment facility engineering and design, wastewater or leachate treatment technologies or other relevant backgrounds or experience; and

Whereas, to provide adequate time for that contracting and the subsequent development of the legislative report required by this legislation, this legislation must take effect immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to study methods of treating leachate from state-owned landfills. Resolved: That, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, referred to in this section as "the bureau," shall conduct a study of methods of treating leachate collected at the state-owned solid waste landfills in Old Town, known as the Juniper Ridge

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1 Landfill, and in East Millinocket, known as the Dolby Landfill, collectively referred to in
2 this section as "the landfills," to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and
3 polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate. In conducting the study under this section, the
4 bureau shall:

5 1. Consider treatment technologies other than dilution that are available or under
6 development and that could be designed and installed on site at the landfills or at an off-
7 site treatment facility to reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the
8 leachate to no more than the interim drinking water standard established pursuant to
9 Resolve 2021, chapter 82. If treatment to that standard is determined by the bureau to not
10 be feasible based on available treatment technologies, the bureau may, with input from the
11 Department of Environmental Protection, consider options to reduce perfluoroalkyl and
12 polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate to a different standard;

13 2. Evaluate the feasibility of, a reasonable time frame for and the anticipated associated
14 costs to the State or to the operators of the landfills, as the case may be, of developing the
15 capacity and necessary facilities to treat the leachate on site at the landfills or, alternatively,
16 to transport the leachate to an off-site facility for treatment;

17 3. Seek input from interested parties that, in the bureau's determination, are directly
18 affected by the current discharge into the environment of wastewater containing leachate
19 collected at the landfills and, as necessary, consult with the Department of Environmental
20 Protection and the operators of the landfills; and

21 4. As necessary, contract with individuals or businesses with expertise in landfill or
22 wastewater treatment facility engineering and design, wastewater or leachate treatment
23 technologies or other relevant backgrounds or experience.

24 As used in this section, "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" has the same
25 meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1732, subsection 5-A.

26 **Sec. 2. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of**
27 **General Services; report. Resolved:** That, on or before January 15, 2023, the
28 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall
29 submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
30 environment and natural resources matters a report containing its findings and
31 recommendations, including any suggested legislation, resulting from the study conducted
32 under section 1. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee may report out
33 legislation to implement any such recommendations to the 131st Legislature.

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
35 takes effect when approved.'

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

38 **SUMMARY**

39 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It adds an emergency preamble and
40 emergency clause and directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
41 Bureau of General Services to conduct a study of methods of treating leachate collected at
42 the state-owned solid waste landfills in Old Town, known as Juniper Ridge Landfill, and
43 in East Millinocket, known as the Dolby Landfill, to reduce the concentration of

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1 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate. In conducting that study,
2 the bureau is required to seek input from interested parties that, in the bureau's
3 determination, are directly affected by the current discharge into the environment of
4 wastewater containing leachate collected at the landfills and, as necessary, consult with the
5 Department of Environmental Protection and the operators of the landfills. In conducting
6 the study, the bureau may as necessary contract with individuals or businesses with
7 expertise in landfill or wastewater treatment facility engineering and design, wastewater or
8 leachate treatment technologies or other relevant backgrounds or experience.

9 The amendment requires the bureau, on or before January 15, 2023, to submit to the
10 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and
11 natural resources matters a report containing its findings and recommendations, including
12 any suggested legislation, resulting from its study. After receiving the report, the joint
13 standing committee may report out legislation to implement any such recommendations to
14 the 131st Legislature.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 (See attached)



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LD 1875

LR 2322(02)

An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Bureau of General Services in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services estimates the cost of conducting the required study will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The bureau has indicated it will pay for the study from an existing General Fund appropriation and that no additional appropriation is needed.