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LD 611

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 388, LD 611, "An Act to Create the
10 Whole Home Repairs Program"

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

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**'Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Maximize Eligibility for Energy
13 Efficiency Programs for Low-income Homeowners'**

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

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**'Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to convene a working group to
16 maximize eligibility for energy efficiency programs for low-income
17 homeowners. Resolved:** That the Maine State Housing Authority shall convene a
18 working group to design a program that will provide financial assistance to low-income
19 homeowners for weatherization and other repairs needed to meet the eligibility
20 requirements for home energy assistance programs. The working group must include input
21 from community action agencies as designated under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
22 section 5324, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, one or more professional
23 contractors who make weatherization repairs and other entities as considered appropriate
24 by the Maine State Housing Authority

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Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That by December 1, 2023, the working group under
26 section 1 shall submit a report to the Joint Select Committee on Housing proposing a
27 program to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for weatherization and
28 other repairs needed to meet eligibility requirements for home energy assistance programs.
29 When developing the proposal for a program, the working group must ensure that it
30 includes a provision to evaluate if the amount of financial assistance necessary for
31 weatherization or repair is reasonable relative to the anticipated benefit from the home
32 energy assistance program and if the overall suitability of the home makes the
33 weatherization or repair a worthwhile investment. The proposal must be designed to serve
34 residential housing units with household incomes up to 100% of the area median income
35 and serve as a complement to, not a substitute for, weatherization assistance paid for using

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 federal funds, including the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund within the Maine State
2 Housing Authority '

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

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve The
7 amendment establishes a working group to be convened by the Maine State Housing
8 Authority to develop a program that will provide financial assistance to low-income
9 homeowners for weatherization and other repairs in order for the home to meet eligibility
10 requirements for home energy assistance programs

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 (See attached)



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LD 611

LR 1610(02)

An Act to Create the Whole Home Repairs Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-486)
Committee: Housing
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Maine State Housing Authority
Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority to convene the required working group and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to provide input to the working group can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.