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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 950, L D 1495, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State"

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in L D) and inserting the following

'1 Two members of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate,'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 16 and 17 in L D) and inserting the following

'2 Two members of the House of Representatives, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House,'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 6 in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L D) by striking out the following "of a of" and inserting the following 'of a'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following

'Sec. 3. Chairs; quorum. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission. A quorum is 7 members and a quorum must be present to start a meeting but is not required to continue a meeting '

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following

'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study issues associated with the mining of critical minerals in the State and within the context of international climate change. For the purposes of this resolve, "critical mineral" means a metallic or nonmetallic element that is essential for the functioning of modern technologies and to the economic or national security of the State or the Nation and that has a supply chain vulnerable to disruption. In undertaking the study, the commission shall review

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-359)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$2,234 in projected balances from fiscal year 2022-23 and \$36,777 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Department to participate in the commission are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.