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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2023**

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No. 1678

H.P. 1077

House of Representatives, April 18, 2023

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham,
PLUECKER of Warren, SHAW of Auburn, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of
Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York.

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs that can be applied to land in this State, including but not limited to forest land, agricultural land, conservation land and wetlands, and determine possible funding sources that may be used to fund the programs. The department shall submit its report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 6, 2023. The committee may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

11 SUMMARY

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