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A. A summary of all data received by the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 1661-A;

B. Based on that data, a comprehensive strategy to reduce the mercury content of products with the goal of maximizing the reduction of mercury emissions to the environment; and

C. Any legislation necessary to implement the strategy proposed in the report.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to implement recommendations included in this report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 621

H.P. 1559 - L.D. 2061

An Act to Provide Incentives for Multimunicipal Development

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5953-D, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 90, §5, is further amended to read:

4. Criteria; conditions for public service infrastructure grants and loans. The Department of Economic and Community Development, in conjunction with the bank, shall develop criteria and conditions for the award of public service infrastructure loans and grants to eligible municipalities subject to the requirements of this section. The department shall:

~~A. Give highest priority to service center communities. For the purpose of this section, "service center community" has the same definition as in section 4301;~~

A-1. Give highest priority equally to:

(1) Service center communities. For purposes of this section, "service center community" has the same definition as in section 4301; and

(2) Projects undertaken jointly by 2 or more municipalities;

B. Following the highest priority described in paragraph ~~A~~ A-1, establish a preference for those municipalities eligible under subsection 3, paragraph D, subparagraph (1) over those mu-

nicipalities eligible under subsection 3, paragraph D, subparagraph (2);

D. Following the preference described in paragraph B, establish a preference for capital investment projects ~~undertaken jointly by 2 or more municipalities or~~ that provide substantial regional benefits;

E. Adopt other criteria as it determines necessary to ensure that loans and grants made under this section maximize the ability of municipalities to accommodate planned growth and economic development; and

F. Condition any loans and grants under this section on consistency with the municipality's comprehensive plan or local growth management program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 622

H.P. 1572 - L.D. 2077

An Act to Require Logging Contractors to Notify Landowners and Employees of the Cancellation of Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §401, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Cancellation notice requirements. Any person engaged in harvesting forest products not exempt under subsection 1 shall provide within 3 business days of the cancellation written notification to the landowner to whom the person is under contract of a cancellation of that person's workers' compensation insurance policy. That person shall provide identical notice to any employee who was covered by the canceled workers' compensation insurance policy. A person engaged in harvesting forest products not exempt under subsection 1 who is found in noncompliance with these notification requirements is liable for a civil forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each day of noncompliance.

Sec. 2. Development of plans to improve enforcement and reduce accidents. The Department of Labor shall convene an interagency working group with representatives of the department and the Workers' Compensation Board, which shall: