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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1466 AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF MINERAL BROWN L
 ND of 771 EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCLOSURE RIDLEY

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
 SENATE Enacted CH # 201
 GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The original bill, LD 771, was replaced with a new draft presented at the public hearing. The new draft is partially a housekeeping measure to update statutory language and procedures dealing with mining exploration and development activities conducted on state-owned lands. Those changes were recommended by the Mineral Policy Task Force appointed by Governor Brennan. The new draft also adds a new subchapter designed to provide information to the State, the communities involved and the general public on mining exploration and development activities that take place anywhere in the State. The new draft requires companies anticipating filing for a permit from the State to mine metallic deposits on a site larger than 20 acres to file notice of that intent with the Director of the Maine Geological Survey and to publish notice in the newspaper. The new draft also requires anyone conducting mineral exploration costing more than \$25,000 a year on any land within the State to register with the Director of the Maine Geological Survey.

LD: 1468 RESOLVE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARADIS P
 ND of 102 THE STATE AND THE CITY OF AUGUSTA TO BUSTIN
 ESTABLISH A GREENBELT AREA ON STATE-OWNED HICKEY
 LAND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE KENNEBEC RIVER SPROUL

HOUSE Finally Passed RESOLVE
 SENATE Finally Passed CH # 31
 GOV SIGNED

H-149 HA PARADIS P
 H-168 HB PARADIS P H S

SUMMARY:

This is a New Draft of LD 102; the new draft was substantially amended on the floor by H-168. The original bill would have appropriated \$80,000 from the General Fund to establish a greenbelt on the state-owned land on the east bank of the Kennebec in Augusta in accordance with the master plan developed by the Department of Conservation. During committee worksessions it was pointed out that the master plan was badly outdated and that it should be revised before development of a greenbelt. Use of state funds to develop a greenbelt which was seen as essentially a local asset was also criticized

The new draft would have required the State, acting through the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, and the City of Augusta and nearby towns, to negotiate an agreement for the development of the greenbelt area. The negotiations could result in revision of the plan and development of an agreement based on that revision. The costs of updating the plan and eventually of developing and administering the greenbelt area would be borne by the area communities. The commissioner was to report any agreement reached to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature which could then enact legislation implementing development of the greenbelt area.

HA-H-168: The House Amendment authorizes the City of Augusta to develop a plan for a greenbelt and provides for lease of the property to the City of Augusta upon approval of the plan by the Second Session of the 112th Legislature.

LD:	1470	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FUNDING MECHANISM TO	NAJARIAN
		MAKE THE JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING PROGRAM	LAW
ND of	1262	SELF-SUPPORTING	HOGLUND
			RIDLEY
		HOUSE Enacted	PUBLIC
		SENATE Enacted	CH # 204
		GOV SIGNED	

SUMMARY:

This new draft of LD 1262 mandates that the Environmental Training Program be self-supporting. Sources of revenue can include any except the General Fund.

LD:	1478	AN ACT TO REAUTHORIZE THE FOREST RESOURCE	MICHAUD
EMERGENCY		ASSESSMENT AND MARKETING PROGRAM	JACQUES
			DEXTER
			USHER
OTP-AM		HOUSE Emerg. Enacted	PUBLIC
		SENATE Emerg. Enacted	CH # 491
		GOV EMER SIGNED	
H-217	CA		H S

SUMMARY:

The bill reestablishes a program in the Department of Conservation designed to promote further utilization of Maine's forests. The Committee amended the bill (CA H-217) to require the Commissioner (DOC) to report annually to the Committee.