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Amend the bill in section 1 in §1766-A in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or state-leased"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

**‘Sec. 2. Plan to improve renewable electrical use in state-leased buildings and renewable heating sources for state-owned and state-leased buildings.** The chair of the Energy Resources Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3327, and the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall develop a plan to increase the use of renewable electricity sources in state-leased properties. The plan must include a specific goal for expanded energy use in space leased by the State, encourage landlords to provide electricity from renewable resources and require newly leased space to be supplied with electricity from renewable resources. The plan must also include the extent to which state-owned and state-leased buildings are heated using renewable resources, strategies to increase the level of heating from renewable resources and a specific goal to be implemented by 2010. The plan, including suggested legislation, must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2007. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government is authorized to submit legislation related to the plan.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement that state-leased buildings must consume electricity from renewable resources by 2010. The chair of the Energy Resources Council and the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must develop a plan to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources in state-leased buildings. The plan must include a specific goal, strategies to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources and a requirement for newly leased space to be supplied with power from renewable resources. In addition, the plan must examine the extent to which state-owned and state-leased buildings are heated using renewable resources and strategies to increase that. The plan must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2007. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government is authorized to submit legislation.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)