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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 863, L.D. 1263, Bill, “An Act To Create Jobs and Promote Investment in Maine's Economy through Increased Access to Solar Energy”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Preamble. Whereas, the Legislature finds that net energy billing is a simple mechanism that has supported the development of distributed generation in Maine, but net energy billing may not provide a suitable long-term foundation for distributed generation; and

Whereas, the Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to develop an alternative to net energy billing that fairly and transparently allocates the costs and benefits of distributed generation to all customers, allows participation by all customers and creates a sustainable platform for future growth of distributed generation to the benefit of all ratepayers; and

Whereas, the Legislature finds that the policy structure described within the Office of the Public Advocate's white paper entitled "A Ratepayer Focused Strategy for Distributed Solar in Maine" merits further exploration; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Stakeholder discussions. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall, using existing resources, convene a stakeholder group to develop an alternative to net energy billing, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A. To the maximum extent possible, the recommendations from this group must reflect consensus among the stakeholders. In developing an alternative, the commission shall:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 report by January 30, 2016 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
2 Technology that includes an overview of the stakeholder discussions; an overview of the
3 alternative; any areas in which stakeholders were unable to reach consensus; technical
4 specifications, rules or policies needed to carry out the alternative; a proposed timeline
5 for implementation of the alternative; technical or legal barriers to implementation of the
6 alternative; and any other recommendations. The committee is authorized to report out a
7 bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature related to the report.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)