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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1158, L.D. 1693, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of the Maine Biomass Industry"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "15" and inserting the following: '13'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 in paragraph D in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "silviculture;" the following: 'and'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 4 in paragraph D in the last line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "cogeneration;" the following: 'and be it further'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 5 and 6 (page 1, lines 26 to 28 in L.D.).

Amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all of the indented paragraph (page 2, lines 17 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'In conducting the duties under this section, the commission shall seek public input and shall consult and collaborate with stakeholders and experts in the fields of economic development, natural resources and energy policy; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide staffing services to the commission. The commission may invite the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Governor's Energy Office, the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and other appropriate agencies of State Government to provide additional staff support or assistance to the commission; and be it further'

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes from membership on the commission established in the resolve the Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust, or the director’s designee, and the chair of the Public Utilities Commission, or the chair’s designee. It removes language that limits who may provide public input. It removes the requirement that the commission hire a 3rd party to help with data collection, research and best practices and to develop policy recommendations. Lastly, it removes language that requires the commission to be funded by federal funds provided by the United States Department of Energy.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)