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Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Setback Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, LANDRY of Farmington, PLUECKER of Warren, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

1 Sec. 1. Review of outdoor wood boiler setback requirements. Resolved: 2 That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review the laws governing outdoor 3 wood boilers, including the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 610-B, and rules 4 adopted by the department relating to emission standards and setback requirements for new 5 installations of outdoor wood boilers. In the review, the department shall determine if setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers should be amended, 6 7 taking into consideration the emission standards of the most recent models of outdoor wood 8 boilers. By December 6, 2023, the department shall submit a report relating to the review, 9 including findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment 10 and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. 11

SUMMARY

13 This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to review the laws 14 governing outdoor wood boilers and rules adopted by the department relating to emission standards and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers to 15 16 determine if setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers should be amended, taking into consideration the emission standards of the most recent models of 17 18 outdoor wood boilers. It directs the department to submit a report on the review to the Joint 19 Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may submit a bill 20 relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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