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132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 464, L.D. 725, “An Act to Advance Equitable Energy Policy in Maine”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Efficiency Maine Trust to Study the Quality of Jobs It Creates in Consultation with an Advisory Group'

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

'Sec. 1. Efficiency Maine Trust study. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10103 and referred to in this resolve as "the trust," shall study, within existing resources and in consultation with the advisory group under section 2, the quality of jobs created through projects funded by the trust pursuant to Title 35-A, section 10104. As part of the study, the trust, in consultation with the advisory group, shall prepare a survey to study the quality of jobs created through projects funded by the trust and shall distribute that survey to qualified partners that employ 3 or more craft workers. The findings of the survey must be used to identify workforce development needs and any existing plans to address these needs and to develop the findings and recommendations of the study.

As used in this resolve, "qualified partner" means an installer that has completed an application and received acceptance by the trust to serve as an Efficiency Maine Qualified Partner; and "craft worker" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 3-A.

Sec. 2. Advisory group; members and duties. Resolved: That the trust shall convene an advisory group to consult with the trust regarding the study described in section 1, including regarding the development of the survey described in section 1 and the analysis of the data collected through that survey. The director of the trust or the director's designee shall participate in and oversee the advisory group and shall invite at least one representative from the Maine Labor Climate Council and any additional members considered necessary by the director to ensure comprehensive stakeholder representation. The advisory group shall assist the trust in:

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1 1. Developing the questions to be included in and the distribution method for the survey
2 described in section 1. The survey must include questions designed to collect employment
3 data from qualified partners surveyed, including data regarding:

4 A. Employee compensation;

5 B. Employee retirement benefits and health insurance benefits, including the number
6 of employees enrolled in the employer's health plan and the employer's contribution;

7 C. Where employees received training; and

8 D. The number of employees injured while working on projects funded by the trust;

9 2. Analyzing employment data collected through the survey; and

10 3. Developing findings and recommendations to be included in the report under section
11 3.

12 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 31, 2027, the director of the
13 trust shall submit a report setting forth the findings and recommendations of the study under
14 section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor
15 matters. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd
16 Legislature in 2027.'

17 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
18 number to read consecutively.

19 SUMMARY

20 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which
21 is a concept draft, with a resolve that directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to study, within
22 existing resources, the quality of jobs created due to projects funded by the trust. The
23 amendment directs the trust to convene an advisory group to inform and consult on the
24 development of a survey and to assist in the analysis of the survey results. The findings of
25 the survey must be used to develop the findings and recommendations of the study. The
26 amendment requires the director of the trust to submit a report to the joint standing
27 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters setting forth the
28 findings and recommendations of the study and authorizes the committee to report out
29 legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

30 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

31 (See attached)