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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 827, L.D. 1252, “An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 7 in the 9th line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "extent" the following: 'logistically and financially'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Z384**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to capitalize the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund to strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products economy and to expand infrastructure investments in the agricultural, food and forest products economy to increase access to new markets and opportunities for producers, processors, small businesses and consumers in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that, in carrying out the purposes described in the bill, a producer receiving a disbursement from the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Investment Fund must obtain, to the extent logistically and financially practicable,
2 agricultural, food or forest products from a farm or a forest or waters in the State or from
3 offshore waters to be collected in the State.

4 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section that provides one-
5 time funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to capitalize the Maine
6 Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund to strengthen the State's
7 agricultural, food and forest products economy and to expand infrastructure investments in
8 the agricultural, food and forest products economy to increase access to new markets and
9 opportunities for producers, processors, small businesses and consumers in the State.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
11 **(See attached)**