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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1426, L.D. 2225, “An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events”

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

**Sec. A-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000,000 by the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency.

**Sec. A-2. Administration of Infrastructure Adaptation Fund program.** Funds appropriated under section 4 must be administered by the Department of Transportation and must be awarded by interagency boards using competitive processes. The interagency boards shall allocate up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided to infrastructure projects related to wharves and piers that support commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses in this State and the remainder to projects related to noncoastal municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvement projects that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency. Project rating criteria may include the potential extent of public safety; emergency management and infrastructure resiliency benefits; future climate conditions; ability to leverage federal and other funding; and community, economic and environmental benefits. All projects must demonstrate increased resilience to future storm and flooding impacts. The award criteria must prioritize proposals that demonstrate a significant and compelling community benefit; recipients that are not covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funds; and recipients that demonstrate that the damage is not covered by insurance and that all emergency relief currently available has been exhausted. The administration of the funds must include sufficient documentation and record-keeping requirements to provide assurance that funds

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1 have been awarded consistent with the program guidelines and used for the intended  
2 purpose.'

3 Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part B.

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

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to retain the transfer of  
8 \$50,000,000 to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other  
9 Special Revenue Funds account, but changes the source of funding from the Maine Budget  
10 Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. It specifies that up  
11 to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided must be used for projects related to wharves and piers  
12 that support commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses in this State, with the  
13 remainder of the funds to be used for noncoastal municipal, state or regionally significant  
14 infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of  
15 essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure  
16 resiliency.

17 The amendment strikes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that create the  
18 Business Recovery and Resilience Fund program within the Department of Economic and  
19 Community Development and that provide funding from the Maine Budget Stabilization  
20 Fund for economic recovery and resilience grants.

21 The amendment retains the appropriations and allocations section in Committee  
22 Amendment "A" and retains the title and the emergency preamble and emergency clause  
23 in the bill.

24 **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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26 **TOWN: Winter Harbor**