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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 274, L.D. 408, Bill, "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Changes in Sea Level"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 to 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4326, first ¶, as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §15, is further amended to read:

A growth management program must include at least a comprehensive plan, as described in subsections 1 to -4- 4-A, and an implementation program as described in subsection 5.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4326, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Addressing sea level change. A coastal municipality or multimunicipal region that includes a coastal municipality may include in its comprehensive plan projections regarding changes in sea level and potential impacts of changes in sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant municipal, multimunicipal or privately held infrastructure or property and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing the impacts of changes in sea level. For the purposes of this subsection, "coastal municipality" means a municipality or township in the coastal zone as identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Coastal Program.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 4-A in the first line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "rise. Address and plan" and inserting the following: 'change. Encourage the assessment of and planning'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 1. Removes the sections of the bill that require the inventory and analysis of a
2 comprehensive plan under the growth management program for a coastal municipality or
3 multimunicipal region to include projections regarding sea level rise and its potential
4 impacts;

5 2. Removes the sections of the bill that require a coastal municipality or
6 multimunicipal region that includes a coastal municipality to develop a coordinated plan
7 for addressing the impacts of changes in sea level as a guideline for policy development
8 and implementation strategies of a comprehensive plan within the growth management
9 plan elements;

10 3. Provides that a coastal municipality or multimunicipal region that includes a
11 coastal municipality may include projections regarding sea level change and its impacts
12 in its comprehensive plan and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing impacts of
13 changes in sea level;

14 4. Provides that "coastal municipality" means a municipality or township in the
15 coastal zone as identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,
16 Maine Coastal Program; and

17 5. Amends the bill to clarify that the assessment of and planning for impacts of
18 changes in sea level, instead of sea level rise, are encouraged, instead of addressed, in
19 coastal management policies when state, local and federal agencies responsible for
20 regulating, planning, developing or managing coastal resources conduct activities
21 affecting the coastal area.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 **(See attached)**