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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 657, L.D. 1021, “An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease”

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

**'An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Report.** No later than February 1, 2024, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory shall submit a report regarding the use of the funds in section 2 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund Z290**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment provides ongoing funding for operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory. The amendment also requires the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory to submit a report regarding the use of the funds to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**