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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1054, L.D. 1534, Bill, “An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste”

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

'An Act To Reduce Food Waste in Maine'

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

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2137-A is enacted to read:

§2137-A. Food recovery database

The department, as resources allow and in consultation with other state agencies, municipalities, counties, businesses and other public or private entities, shall develop and maintain on its publicly accessible website a food recovery database as described in this section.

1. Contents. The department may include in the database required under this section guidance documents, model policies, program resources and other educational and technical materials relevant to food recovery and food waste reduction efforts that may be implemented by government entities, counties, municipalities, educational institutions, businesses and members of the public, including, but not limited to:

A. Materials relating to the alignment of the food purchasing practices of public and private entities with the demands and consumption habits of the individual consumers those entities serve;

B. Materials relating to the development and implementation of programs for the sharing of surplus or leftover food, including, but not limited to, share tables and food donation practices and programs;

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1 C. Materials relating to the diversion of food scraps and other food waste not suitable
2 for human consumption for use as animal feed; and

3 D. Materials relating to the handling, transportation and processing of organic waste
4 materials for the purpose of composting or the generation of energy through an
5 anaerobic digestion process, including, but not limited to, guidance documents
6 relating to the establishment of on-site composting programs by public or private
7 entities and a list of the businesses and other entities in the State that accept for
8 processing or process organic materials for composting or energy generation.

9 **2. Maintenance and updates.** The department, as resources allow, shall maintain
10 and periodically review and update the materials in the database required under this
11 section to reflect changes in relevant state or federal laws, regulations or rules or in
12 industry practices or to include any new materials relevant to the purpose of the database
13 that have been developed by the department or by other entities.'

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment changes the title, replaces the bill and directs the Department of
16 Environmental Protection, as resources allow, to develop and maintain on its publicly
17 accessible website a food recovery database of guidance documents, model policies,
18 program resources and other educational and technical materials relevant to food
19 recovery and food waste reduction efforts that may be implemented by government
20 entities, counties, municipalities, educational institutions, businesses and members of the
21 public.

22 The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from
23 the bill.