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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1071, L.D. 1464, Bill, “An Act To Support Electrification of Certain Technologies for the Benefit of Maine Consumers and Utility Systems and the Environment”

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 3-A (page 1, lines 3 to 6 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**3-A. Beneficial electrification.** "Beneficial electrification" means electrification of a technology that results in reduction in the use of a fossil fuel, including electrification of a technology that would otherwise require energy from a fossil fuel, and that provides a benefit to a utility, a ratepayer or the environment, without causing harm to utilities, ratepayers or the environment, by improving the efficiency of the electricity grid or reducing consumer costs or emissions, including carbon emissions.'

Amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 25 to 39 and page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**Sec. 4. Efficiency Maine Trust to study barriers to beneficial electrification.** The Efficiency Maine Trust established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10103, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study barriers to beneficial electrification in the transportation and heating sectors in the State. The study must identify social, technological, legal, regulatory and economic barriers to beneficial electrification for the transportation and heating sectors in the State. The study must include information on potential roles for electric utilities, natural gas utilities and competitive markets in supporting beneficial electrification, including benefits and drawbacks of these potential roles and examples of specific activities that may be conducted and specific needs that may be best served by the electric utilities, natural gas utilities or competitive markets. At the request of the trust, the Public Utilities Commission shall order electric and natural gas utilities to provide information requested by the trust to carry out the study. The Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority shall provide information to the trust on potential barriers to beneficial electrification and solutions to overcome those barriers in areas under their jurisdiction. The trust may seek information regarding the study from other agencies or

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1 from private persons, organizations or interest groups. The trust shall provide public  
2 notice of the opportunity for the public to submit written information or comments to the  
3 trust before and after a draft of the study is completed. The trust shall develop a report  
4 based on the study. The report must:'

5 Amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of the last indented paragraph (page 2,  
6 lines 18 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

7 'For purposes of this section, "beneficial electrification" has the same meaning as in  
8 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10102, subsection 3-A.'

9 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 30  
10 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "February 1, 2020 and must consider and  
11 implement the analysis and recommendations of the study conducted under section 4"  
12 and inserting the following: 'December 1, 2019'

13 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 by striking out all of the blocked  
14 paragraph (page 3, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

15 'The commission shall require that a synopsis of the proposal that is suitable for public  
16 review and comment be submitted along with a proposal submitted under this section and  
17 shall allow public review of and comment on the synopsis. In its review of proposals, the  
18 commission shall consider whether and to what extent a proposal may duplicate related  
19 efforts currently being undertaken by the Efficiency Maine Trust. On or before March 1,  
20 2020, the commission shall select one or more pilot program proposals submitted under  
21 this section that it finds are reasonably expected to result in information and data that  
22 would meaningfully inform future efforts regarding beneficial electrification. The  
23 commission may impose limitations on the duration, scope or cost of a pilot program  
24 proposal and require modifications of a proposal prior to approval.'

25 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 3, line 13 in L.D.) by  
26 striking out the following: "December 1, 2020" and inserting the following: 'January 1,  
27 2021'

28 Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3, lines 23 to 26  
29 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

30 '4. For purposes of this section, "beneficial electrification" has the same meaning as  
31 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10102, subsection 3-A.'

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

## 34 SUMMARY

35 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

36 1. It clarifies the definition of "beneficial electrification."

37 2. It clarifies that the Efficiency Maine Trust must conduct the study of barriers to  
38 beneficial electrification in consultation with stakeholders, rather than in coordination  
39 with the Public Utilities Commission, and specifies that the commission is required to  
40 facilitate the trust's access to information the trust requests from electric and gas utilities.

