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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 201, L.D. 586, Bill, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund”

Amend the amendment in the emergency preamble by inserting before the last paragraph the following:

**'Whereas,** road building for fiscal year 2017-18 begins July 1, 2017, and clarity with regard to funding for that road building needs to be provided immediately; and'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §1849, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Expenditures from fund.** Expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund, including but not limited to money expended for road building and road maintenance, are subject to legislative approval in the same manner as appropriations from the General Fund. Money in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund may not be expended in excess of or in any manner inconsistent with the legislative allocation of the fund by the Legislature. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters, referred to in this subsection as "the jurisdictional committee," shall review all allocations or subdivisions of allocations from the fund.

A. Before January 15th of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed proposed budget for expenditures from the fund for the budgetary biennium. Before January 15th of each even-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed budget for any proposed modifications to the legislative allocations of the fund during the remainder of the budgetary biennium.

B. After receiving a budget submission pursuant to paragraph A, the jurisdictional committee shall review the proposed budget or budget modification and shall determine the appropriate allocations or modifications of existing allocations of the fund. The jurisdictional committee shall submit its recommended allocations or modifications to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, which shall include those recommended

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1 allocations or modifications of allocations in an appropriate biennial budget or  
2 supplemental budget bill.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment changes the emergency preamble to specify that road building for  
5 fiscal year 2017-18 begins July 1, 2017 and that clarity with regard to funding for that  
6 road building needs to be provided immediately. The amendment also makes the  
7 following changes to expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

8 1. It provides that money in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund may not  
9 be expended in excess of or in any manner inconsistent with the legislative allocation of  
10 the fund by the Legislature.

11 2. It provides that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
12 over public lands matters, referred to as "the jurisdictional committee," must review all  
13 allocations or subdivisions of allocations from the fund.

14 3. It provides that before January 15th of each odd-numbered year, the  
15 Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must submit to the  
16 jurisdictional committee a detailed proposed budget for expenditures from the fund for  
17 the budgetary biennium. Before January 15th of each even-numbered year, the  
18 commissioner must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed budget for any  
19 proposed modifications to the legislative allocations of the fund during the remainder of  
20 the budgetary biennium.

21 4. It provides that, after receiving a budget submission, the jurisdictional committee  
22 must review the proposed budget or budget modification and must determine the  
23 appropriate allocations or modifications of existing allocations of the fund. The  
24 jurisdictional committee must submit its recommended allocations or modifications to the  
25 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and  
26 financial affairs, which must include those recommended allocations or modifications of  
27 allocations in an appropriate biennial budget or supplemental budget bill.

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