

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

S.P. 426 - L.D. 1263

Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

Sec. 1. Funds for well water treatment. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall distribute funds under section 3 to increase the affordability of water treatment filtration systems for households with contaminated private drinking water wells and household incomes no greater than 120% of the area median income, as determined by the authority.

For the purposes of this resolve, "contaminated" means that the level of microorganisms, disinfectants, disinfection by-products, inorganic chemicals, organic chemicals or radionuclides exceeds maximum contaminant levels for public water systems established by the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 141. For the purposes of this resolve, "private drinking water well" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1392, subsection 8; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters describing how many contaminated wells were treated using funds provided pursuant to this resolve to organizations and agencies and the Maine State Housing Authority's home repair program; and be it further

Sec. 3. Transfer. Resolved: That the State Controller shall transfer \$500,000 by June 30, 2018 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Health and Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants or loans to assist households with the purchase and associated costs of well water treatment systems. Up to \$50,000 of the funds may be used for targeted outreach and marketing to connect households with contaminated well water with appropriate professional services for assessing and installing well water treatment systems. Up to 15% of the funds may be used for program administration. Funds may be used to assist individuals who demonstrate need but do not meet the eligibility criteria within the Maine State Housing Authority's home repair program in testing their private well water or in purchasing well water treatment systems.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$500,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>