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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 937, L.D. 1441, “An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources”

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph F in the last 3 lines (page 2, lines 16 to 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "areas where there is low flow and occurrences of low flow. For the purposes of this paragraph, "low flow" means the flow of water in a stream is low due to prolonged dry weather" and inserting the following: 'in-stream flows and lake or pond water levels subject to water use requirements established by the Board of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 470-H'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §352, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

8. Report. Beginning January 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters. The report must include a summary of the board's activities during the prior calendar year and any findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, relating to the board's duties under subsections 2 and 3. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any of the recommendations included in the report.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'**Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides funding for the technology management costs associated with one part-time Hydrogeologist position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$585	\$585
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7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$585	\$585
8	Geology and Resource Information Z237		
9	Initiative: Provides funding for one part-time Hydrogeologist position and associated costs.		
10	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
11	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
12	Personal Services	\$51,993	\$54,793
13	All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
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15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$55,493	\$58,293
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17	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
18	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
19	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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21	GENERAL FUND	\$58,785	\$61,585
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$585	\$585
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24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$59,370	\$62,170

25 '
 26 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 27 number to read consecutively.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This amendment removes from the bill references to low flow areas and occurrences
 30 of low flow and clarifies that the Maine Agricultural Water Management Board within the
 31 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must develop recommendations for
 32 measures to better identify and notify agricultural producers about in-stream flows and lake
 33 or pond water levels subject to water use requirements established by the Board of
 34 Environmental Protection under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 470-H. The
 35 amendment requires the Maine Agricultural Water Management Board to report annually
 36 only to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture,
 37 conservation and forestry matters. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
 38 allocations section.

39 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 40 (See attached)

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