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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO LD 1407, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A FORESTRY OPERATION THAT CONFORMS TO ACCEPTED PRACTICES MAY NOT BE DECLARED A NUISANCE**

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

Resolve, Regarding Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding authority of municipalities to regulate timber harvesting. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to organizations representing municipalities, family woodland owners, logging contractors, farmers, outdoor recreation and environmental interests and consulting foresters who work in multiple municipalities, to review and assess the law in Title 12, section 8869 subsection 8 and the corresponding process relating to a municipal proposal to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance. The director shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes out the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The amendment requires the Director of the Maine Forest Service to convene a stakeholder group to review and assess the law and corresponding process relating to a municipal proposal to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance. The amendment directs the director to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment clarifies that the joint standing committee has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.