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### **Resolve, To Require the Purchase of Maine Wood Fuel by Recipients of Certain Public Funds**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1           **Sec. 1. Restriction on recipients of funds awarded through public**  
2 **building wood-to-energy program. Resolved:** That, as a condition of an award of  
3 funds through the public building wood-to-energy program established by the Department  
4 of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry, referred to in this section as "the program," the  
5 bureau shall require that a recipient of those funds, which are used to purchase a wood-to-  
6 energy system, purchase the wood fuel for that system from a harvester or manufacturer  
7 located in this State. The bureau shall include notification of this requirement in any  
8 application issued after the effective date of this section.

9           The Department of Conservation and the Department of Education jointly shall  
10 promote the use of wood fuel from a harvester or manufacturer located in this State by a  
11 recipient of funds from the program as long as the cost of that wood fuel is no more than  
12 10% greater than the lowest bid for wood fuel received by the program participant.

13                                       **SUMMARY**

14           This resolve requires that any funds awarded under the Department of Conservation,  
15 Bureau of Forestry's public building wood-to-energy program be on the condition that the  
16 recipient purchase wood fuel from a Maine harvester or manufacturer for use in the  
17 wood-to-energy system purchased using the funds. This resolve also requires the  
18 Department of Conservation and the Department of Education to work together to  
19 promote to prior recipients of funds under the program the purchase of wood fuel from a  
20 Maine harvester or manufacturer, as long as the cost of the wood fuel does not exceed by  
21 more than 10% the lowest bid received by that recipient for wood fuel.