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**STATE OF MAINE  
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129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 768, L.D. 1038, Bill, “An Act To Improve Funding for Maine's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams”

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

**'Resolve, To Convene a Stakeholder Group on Funding and Training for the State's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams and the Acquisition of Equipment'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Review of funding and training for hazardous materials emergency response teams and the acquisition of equipment. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall convene a stakeholder group to review and make recommendations regarding the funding currently provided to the hazardous materials emergency response teams in the Department of Environmental Protection, including the 8 regional response teams and the 7 decontamination strike teams, funding options, the training of the teams and the acquisition of equipment. The director shall invite to the stakeholder group representatives of the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, fire chiefs from municipalities with regional response teams and decontamination strike teams and other persons who express interest in the work of the stakeholder group. The recommendations of the stakeholder group must be compatible with the strategic plan of the State Emergency Response Commission.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall present the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by November 6, 2019. Following receipt of the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the concept draft bill with a resolve. The resolve directs  
5 the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of  
6 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to convene a stakeholder group to review  
7 and make recommendations regarding the funding currently provided to the State's  
8 hazardous materials emergency response teams, including the 8 regional response teams  
9 and the 7 decontamination strike teams, funding options, the training of the teams and  
10 equipment acquisition. The recommendations of the stakeholder group must be  
11 compatible with the strategic plan of the State Emergency Response Commission. The  
12 director is required to invite to the stakeholder group representatives of the Maine Fire  
13 Chiefs' Association, fire chiefs from municipalities with regional response teams and  
14 decontamination strike teams and other persons who express interest in the work of the  
15 stakeholder group. The amendment directs the director to present the findings and  
16 recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal  
17 Justice and Public Safety by November 6, 2019. Following receipt of the report, the Joint  
18 Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out legislation  
19 based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 **(See attached)**