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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 877, L.D. 1291, Bill, “An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 36 to 42 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. Existing resources. The department shall use existing programs and resources in carrying out the purposes of this section.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Agricultural Resource Development 0833**

Initiative: Provides funds for radio advertisements, website costs and posters and brochures.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Food Assistance Program 0816

Initiative: Provides funds to establish a part-time Planning and Research Assistant position.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
3	Personal Services	\$15,782	\$21,150
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5	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,782</u>	<u>\$21,150</u>

6 **Office of the Commissioner 0401**

7 Initiative: Provides funds for technology costs associated with establishing the Planning
8 and Research Assistant position.

9	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
10	All Other	\$1,358	\$1,810
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,358</u>	<u>\$1,810</u>

13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
14	All Other	\$251	\$335
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16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$251</u>	<u>\$335</u>

17	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
18	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
19	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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21	GENERAL FUND	\$42,140	\$22,960
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$251	\$335
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24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$42,391</u>	<u>\$23,295</u>
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26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment strikes language from the bill that allows a municipality to regulate
28 by ordinance the direct producer-to-customer exchange of all food grown, harvested,
29 prepared, processed or produced in the municipality. It also clarifies the intent of the bill
30 by requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to use existing
31 programs and resources in carrying out the provisions of the bill. It also adds an
32 appropriations and allocations section.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 (See attached)