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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 649, L.D. 946, Bill, “An Act To Change Laws Amended by Public Law 2013, Chapter 369, Also Known as the Omnibus Energy Act”

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

**'Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers'**

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

**'Preamble. Whereas,** the Legislature, with Public Law 2013, chapter 369, established an expanded natural gas conservation program for consumers during the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and

**Whereas,** all consumers benefit from investing in cost-effective energy efficiency projects and from other utility consumers investing in such projects; and

**Whereas,** questions have arisen during the planning for implementation of the expanded program regarding the most effective way of achieving energy efficiency for the largest consumers of Maine's natural gas utilities; and

**Whereas,** the largest of Maine's natural gas consumers use significantly greater volumes of natural gas than other consumers; and such uses include electricity generation and industrial process applications; and many of these consumers have only recently converted to, or invested in equipment for use of, natural gas; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Moratorium on assessments by gas utilities of large volume consumers. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10111, until 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



1 consumer as a consumer using 1,000,000 centum cubic feet or more of natural gas per  
2 year.

3 This amendment also directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to meet with large volume  
4 consumers of gas utilities and other interested stakeholders to examine alternatives for  
5 promoting and securing cost-effective natural gas conservation and efficiency  
6 improvements for large volume consumers of gas utilities. This amendment directs the  
7 trust to report the results of these meetings, along with recommendations, to the Joint  
8 Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2015. The  
9 committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th  
10 Legislature.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 **(See attached)**