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**LD 313 An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management
and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State**

PUBLIC 461

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-616 H-640 WELSH J

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to implement recommendations from the Department of Environmental Protection relating to solid waste handling, management and disposal issues identified in a letter dated March 24, 2014 to the Department of Environmental Protection from the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Specifically, this bill would enact measures designed to:

1. Provide incentives for and encourage the increased use of methods of source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting as a means of achieving the state-mandated recycling goal of 50% under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2132, together with a method for accurately measuring future achievements toward that goal;
2. Achieve economic stabilization of the three existing waste-to-energy facilities in the State by January 1, 2016, with options for funding that stabilization;
3. Develop a plan to minimize the need for future expansion of landfill capacity in Maine, including state-owned landfills;
4. Identify additional strategies to increase the beneficial use of waste materials, particularly where there are potential economic benefits to be derived from these materials; and
5. Develop other components of an overall comprehensive implementation plan necessary and appropriate to better advance the goals of the State's solid waste management hierarchy under Title 38, section 2101.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and amends the State's solid waste management laws as follows.

1. It establishes a food recovery hierarchy to be used in conjunction with the State's solid waste management hierarchy as a guiding principle in making decisions related to solid waste and organic materials management.
2. It updates the State's recycling goal. Current statute sets a goal of recycling or composting 50% of the municipal solid waste tonnage generated each year within the State by January 1, 2014. This amendment extends that goal deadline to January 1, 2021.
3. It repeals the state waste reduction goal, which focused on the reduction of municipal solid waste generated in the State, and establishes a state waste disposal reduction goal focused instead on the statewide per capita reduction of waste disposed of in the State.
4. It provides that revenues collected through the assessment of statutory solid waste fees may be expended by the Department of Environmental Protection to provide grant funding in accordance with the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program, which is established by this amendment. The department is directed to

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annually review current revenues in the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201, as well as revenue projections for upcoming years, to determine whether additional revenues are available in the upcoming year to provide grant funding under the grant program and, if funds are available, to designate them for use in accordance with the program.

5. It establishes the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program to provide grants to public and private entities to assist in the development, implementation or improvement of programs, projects, initiatives and activities designed to increase the diversion of solid waste from disposal in the State. Under the program, priority in the awarding of grants is given to municipal and regional association applicants and to applicants seeking to establish programs, projects, initiatives or activities likely to increase the removal and recycling of organic materials from municipal waste streams.

6. It provides authority for, but does not require, the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules imposing fees on the disposal or processing of municipal solid waste and on the disposal of certain types of wastes. Rules adopted pursuant to this authority are major substantive rules and must be consistent with the State's solid waste management hierarchy and food recovery hierarchy. Current waste disposal fees under Title 38, sections 2203-A and 2204 remain unchanged and will continue to be assessed until the department finally adopts rules imposing different waste disposal fees. The amendment also makes some technical edits to section 2203-A to remove outdated statutory language.

7. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to develop, implement and administer a food scraps composting pilot program and provides funds to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish such a pilot program. The Department of Environmental Protection is required to collect data from participating entities and by January 15, 2019 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters detailing the data collected by each participating entity and any additional findings and including any recommendations for legislation to implement permanent food scraps composting programs or requirements at the state, regional, municipal or local level or to otherwise increase the diversion rate for organic materials in the State. After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-640)

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to invite the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to participate in the proposed food scraps composting pilot program, as resources allow, with respect to the State House and the Burton M. Cross State Office Building facilities. Under the committee amendment, this participation is mandatory and an appropriation of funds is provided for that purpose. This amendment also removes that appropriation of funds relating to the mandatory participation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services in the pilot program.

Enacted Law Summary

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**LD 394 Resolve, To Lower the Department of Environmental Protection's
5-point Odor Intensity Referencing Scale for Odor Control at Solid
Waste Processing Facilities**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K CUSHING A	ONTP	

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to amend its Chapter 409 rules in effect on July 27, 2014 relating to the operation of solid waste processing facilities to decrease by 50% the existing concentration levels in water of n-butanol corresponding to each level within the modified five-point odor intensity referencing scale for use in odor control for facilities that process wastewater treatment sludge from publicly owned treatment works and facilities that process septage.

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LD 713 Resolve, To Further Protect Lake Water Quality

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to, as soon as practicable, amend its Rule Chapter 1000: Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances in effect on the effective date of the resolve to reflect a number of changes, including changes to setbacks for new principal and accessory structures, phosphorus mitigation requirements in conjunction with the expansion of the footprint of a structure within the setback area and requirements for the location of wells within the setback area. The resolve also directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to convene a stakeholder group to conduct a study regarding the effectiveness of the department's shoreland zoning rules since January 1, 2005 and to report its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by January 1, 2016. The committee may report out a bill relating to those recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**LD 795 An Act To Encourage Prudent Development along the Coast or in a
Flood Zone by Considering Predictions for Sea Level Rise**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M GERZOFKY S	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to enact measures that would require sea level model predictions to be taken into account in the design phase of any development project on the coast or in a flood zone if more than 10% of the total funding for the project is state funding. "Development project" includes, but is not limited to, the development of buildings, land, walkways, bridges, roads, culverts and piers. The bill also proposes to enact measures to require coordination among state and federal agencies, universities and stakeholders concerning development projects on the coast or in a flood zone that may be affected by sea level rise.

**LD 1254 Resolve, To Further Study the Implementation and Funding of an
Integrated Beach Management Program**

**RESOLVE 66
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-532

This bill was initially referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

During the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation re-referred this bill to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, along with recommendations regarding removal of the funding mechanism proposed in the bill.

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This bill implements and provides a funding mechanism for an integrated coastal beach management program. It imposes a \$1 per day fee, effective October 1, 2015, on the rental, between May 1st and October 31st, of living quarters in any hotel, rooming house or tourist or trailer camp, to be deposited into the Beach Management Fund established by the bill. This bill also establishes the Beach Advisory Group, chaired by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and composed of eight additional members from state agencies and the public, which meets at least twice per year and advises the Department of Environmental Protection on matters related to the management, preservation and restoration of beaches in the State. The advisory group must also deliver an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters, and the committee may report out a bill related to the report. This bill directs and provides criteria for the department to develop and maintain a priority list ranking all beaches within the State based on suitability for beach nourishment, dune restoration, land acquisition or other enhancement techniques. This bill stipulates that resources in the Beach Management Fund may be used to develop coordinated programs for technical assistance to municipalities and homeowners; to provide assistance in the development and implementation of local beach management, preservation and restoration projects; and to reimburse the department for administrative costs. Disbursements from the fund must be consistent with the priority list developed by the department.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Coastal Program to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection, by January 15, 2016, a report containing a draft priority ranking for specific beach management projects in the State, highlighting one or more focal beach areas with willing sellers for potential acquisition by the State. This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection, by January 15, 2016, a report recommending priority rankings for each Maine beach based upon its geologic characteristics and suitability for beach nourishment, dune restoration or other physical management techniques, and identifying four to six beaches in need of management and most suitable for these techniques. This bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection, by January 15, 2016, a report recommending priority rankings for each Maine beach based upon its habitat value.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-532)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a working group to review the report titled "Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: A Proposal to Create an Integrated Beach Management Program," dated February 2006, prepared by the Beach Stakeholder's Group and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature, update the data and findings contained in that report and develop recommendations regarding the implementation and funding of an integrated beach management program. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is directed, by January 31, 2017, to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters detailing the findings and recommendations of the working group, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 66 directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a working group to review the report titled "Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: A Proposal to Create an Integrated Beach Management Program," dated February 2006, prepared by the Beach Stakeholder's Group and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature, update the data and findings contained in that report and develop recommendations regarding the implementation and funding of an integrated beach management program. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is directed, by January 31, 2017, to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters detailing the findings and recommendations of the working group, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

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Resolve 2015, chapter 66 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 27, 2016.

LD 1478 An Act To Reestablish Recreational Use of a Historic Trolley Line in the Town of Gray **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C AUSTIN S	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows the Town of Gray to exempt certain strips of land from shoreland zoning setback requirements and vegetation clearing standards for the purpose of operating the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum. The bill also exempts those strips of land from the requirement to obtain a Natural Resources Protection Act permit for the clearing of vegetation associated with the operation of the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum.

LD 1494 An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards **Died In Concurrence**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R	ONTP OTP-AM	

Current law provides that if a person discharges oil into or upon certain water bodies, lands adjacent to certain water bodies, public or private water supplies or sewers that person is not subject to fines or civil penalties if that person, in addition to taking other actions, reports the discharge. This bill exempts discharges of less than 10 gallons from the reporting requirement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-543)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1535 An Act To Protect Firefighters by Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAKER L LAJOIE M		

This bill was not referred to a committee.

This bill prohibits a person from selling or offering for sale or distributing for promotional purposes new upholstered furniture containing more than 0.1% of a flame-retardant chemical or containing more than 0.1% of a mixture that includes flame-retardant chemicals.

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LD 1566 An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

ONTP

This bill was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Public Law 2015, chapter 264, section 5 and then referred back to the committee for processing in the normal course.

This bill amends the laws governing the establishment of water levels to require the parties named in a petition or request to establish a water level regime and, if applicable, minimum flow requirements to engage in mediation prior to the Department of Environmental Protection initiating an adjudicatory hearing to resolve the dispute. The bill also provides that if the department holds an adjudicatory hearing to resolve the dispute, it may charge the parties named in the petition or request an appropriate licensing fee, not to exceed \$20,000, to cover the department's costs in conducting the hearing. The department is directed to apportion such licensing fees equitably among the parties named in a petition or request.

**LD 1568 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 373:
Financial and Technical Capacity Standards of the Site Location of
Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of
Environmental Protection**

**RESOLVE 62
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 373: Financial and Technical Capacity Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 62 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 373: Financial and Technical Capacity Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolve 2015, chapter 62 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2016.

**LD 1569 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No
Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of
Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of
Environmental Protection**

**RESOLVE 63
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 63 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolve 2015, chapter 63 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2016.

LD 1570 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 380: Long-term Construction Projects Under the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

**RESOLVE 64
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 380: Long-term Construction Projects Under the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 64 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 380: Long-term Construction Projects Under the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolve 2015, chapter 64 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2016.

LD 1578 An Act To Update Maine's Solid Waste Management Laws

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

SAVIELLO T
CAMPBELL R

OTP-AM

This bill amends the State's solid waste management laws as follows.

1. It establishes a product stewardship program for small batteries.
2. It updates the State's recycling goal. Current statute sets a goal of recycling or composting 50% of the municipal solid waste tonnage generated each year within the State by January 1, 2014. This bill extends that goal deadline to January 1, 2021.
3. It implements a commercial food waste composting requirement under which a large quantity commercial food waste generator that is located within 20 miles of a composting facility with available capacity to accept the food waste produced by the generator is required to deliver all food waste produced to a composting facility for processing. A large quantity commercial food waste generator is a commercial entity that generates one ton or more of food waste per week. This bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to provide a large quantity commercial food waste generator a waiver from the composting requirement if compliance would result in substantial financial hardship for the generator.
4. It eliminates the current statutory waste handling fee of \$1 per ton on the disposal at a commercial, municipal, state-owned or regional association landfill of municipal solid waste ash and front end process residue.

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5. It expands the assessment of a statutory municipal solid waste surcharge. Current statute requires the assessment of a \$2 per ton surcharge on the disposal of municipal solid waste at a commercial, municipal or regional association landfill. This bill reduces that surcharge to \$1 per ton but assesses the surcharge on municipal solid waste disposed of or received for processing, composting or other treatment at a commercial, municipal, regional association or state-owned solid waste disposal facility, solid waste processing facility, incineration facility or solid waste landfill.

6. It directs revenues collected through the assessment of the municipal solid waste surcharge to the Maine Composting and Recycling Grant and Low-interest Loan Program, which is established by this bill. This program provides grants and low-interest loans to public and private entities to assist in the development, implementation or improvement of programs, projects, initiatives and activities designed to increase composting and recycling rates within the State. Under the program, priority in the awarding of grants or loans is given to municipal applicants and to applicants seeking to establish programs, projects, initiatives or activities likely to increase composting rates.

7. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to amend existing rules or adopt new rules regarding the returnable beverage container law to require a deposit and refund value on beverage containers containing Maine-produced apple cider and Maine-produced blueberry juice. Under the existing statutory and regulatory framework, both of these products are exempt from the returnable beverage container law.

8. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to amend existing rules regarding the beneficial use of solid wastes to amend fuel quality standards for construction and demolition debris wood fuel to increase allowances for chromated copper arsenate treated wood and for material known as "#4 minus fines."

9. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to develop, implement and administer a food waste composting pilot program. The department is required to collect data from participating entities and by January 15, 2018 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters detailing the data collected by each participating entity and any additional findings and including any recommendations for legislation to implement permanent food waste composting programs or requirements at the state, regional, municipal or local level or to otherwise increase recycling rates for organic materials in the State. After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-448)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and amends the State's solid waste management laws as follows.

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Not Enacted

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