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

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

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

SUMMARY

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