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### **An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and Distributed Generation Resources**

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FOSTER of Dexter, STETKIS of Canaan, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210-G, sub-§2, ¶A** is enacted to read:

3 A. The total value of renewable energy credits from a Class 1A resource contracted  
4 for under this section on or after the effective date of this paragraph may not exceed by  
5 more than \$100,000 the reasonable costs associated with the Class 1A resource  
6 becoming commercially operable. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this  
7 paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as  
8 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include the method the  
9 commission will use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this paragraph  
10 on each contract entered into under this section.

11 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3484, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

12 **8. Contract limits.** The total value of a contract entered into under this chapter on or  
13 after the effective date of this subsection between a standard buyer and a project sponsor  
14 may not exceed by more than \$100,000 the reasonable costs associated with a project  
15 becoming commercially operable. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this  
16 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined  
17 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include the method the commission will  
18 use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this subsection on each contract.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill caps contracts entered into under the renewable portfolio standard  
21 procurement laws and the distributed generation procurement laws to reasonable costs  
22 associated with making a resource or project commercially operable, plus \$100,000. It  
23 directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to develop the  
24 method the commission will use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this cap  
25 for each contract.