

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 250

In Senate, February 14, 2019

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**An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Research and  
Innovation led by the University of Maine System**

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Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and  
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, POULIOT of Kennebec,  
SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, GATTINE of  
Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill would provide funding and enact measures based on recommendations of  
6 the President of the University of Maine at Machias in a strategic plan chartered by the  
7 Chancellor of the University of Maine System and due to the Board of Trustees of the  
8 University of Maine System in March 2019. The bill would strengthen research and  
9 economic development efforts across the University of Maine System to support Maine  
10 industries and workforce development and to foster business formation and expansion,  
11 specifically in the 7 research and development sectors designated in statute: advanced  
12 technology for agriculture and forestry; aquaculture and marine technology;  
13 biotechnology; composite materials technology; environmental technology; information  
14 technology; and precision manufacturing technology.