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In Senate, February 4, 2025

An Act to Establish a System of Revenue Sharing for the Use and Management of Coastal Resources

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and
Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: LANCE of Paris, UNDERWOOD of
Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WOOD of Norway.

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

CONCEPT DRAFT

3 SUMMARY

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

This bill would establish a fair and equitable system of revenue sharing for the commercial, industrial and recreational use and management of Maine's coastal resources that ensures a direct benefit to the communities most affected by the use of those resources and that promotes statewide economic growth. The bill would establish a standardized fee and royalty schedule for the use of those resources based on the type and scale of activities conducted and a formula for the distribution of the revenue generated, with a portion of the funds to be retained by the State to support the administration, enforcement and oversight of coastal resource activities and a portion of the funds to be distributed to affected communities and stakeholders. Under the bill, collection of established fees and royalties and distribution of that revenue would be administered and overseen by a statutorily established revenue sharing board consisting of representatives from state agencies, municipal governments and other stakeholders.