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Resolve, Directing the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to Apply for Federal Funding for the Purpose of Identifying the Rail Corridor Connecting Portland to Orono as an Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, DUCHARME of Madison, FREDETTE of Newport, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HICKMAN of Kennebec. 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to help ensure the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's 2025 application to the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration for funding is timely made; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Application for federal funding. Resolved: That the Northern New 11 England Passenger Rail Authority shall apply for funding through the federal corridor 12 identification and development program, established in 49 United States Code, Section 13 25101(a) and administered by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal 14 15 Railroad Administration, for the purpose of identifying the rail corridor that extends from Portland through Auburn, Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor to Orono, with other station 16 locations determined to be appropriate, as an intercity passenger rail corridor. 17 The 18 Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority shall apply for this funding during the 19 2025 application period.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
 takes effect when approved.

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to apply for funding through the federal corridor identification and development program for the purpose of identifying the rail corridor that extends from Portland through Auburn, Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor to Orono, with other station locations determined to be appropriate, as an intercity passenger rail corridor. The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority is directed to apply for this funding during the 2025 application period.