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In Senate, February 25, 2025

Resolve, to Update Flood Mapping in the Sandy River Watershed to Federal Emergency Management Agency Standards

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and

Senators: MARTIN of Oxford, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, BUNKER of Farmington, CARUSO of Caratunk, FROST of Belgrade, POIRIER of

Skowhegan, ROLLINS of Augusta.

Sec. 1. Maine Office of Community Affairs; Sandy River watershed flood mapping update. Resolved: That, in coordination with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Maine Geological Survey; the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and other relevant state agencies, the Maine Office of Community Affairs shall develop and implement a pilot project to update flood modeling and flood mapping within the Sandy River watershed. The office may enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Interior, United States Geological Survey, other federal agencies or a consultant to support development and implementation of the pilot project. The office shall provide technical assistance and coordination to communities within the watershed and to other groups involved in the pilot project, including, but not limited to, regional councils, community and environmental organizations and riverfront landowners. The office shall request or otherwise acquire federal or other nonstate funding to support the costs of developing and implementing the pilot project.

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This resolve directs the Maine Office of Community Affairs to develop and implement a pilot project to update flood modeling and flood mapping within the Sandy River watershed. The office is required to request or otherwise acquire federal or other nonstate funding to support the costs of developing and implementing the pilot project.