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House of Representatives, March 20, 2025

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Feasibility of Ferry Service to Monhegan Island

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Sec. 1. Monhegan Island ferry service study. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall work with island and ferry service stakeholders to study adding ferry service to Monhegan Island. The study must include an assessment of the economic and social benefits and challenges of implementing ferry service, the infrastructure resources and needs on the island and mainland and the overall feasibility of such a service.

The department may, but is not required to, invite the participation in the study of any of the following persons as stakeholders:

- 1. A Monhegan Plantation representative, such as the First Assessor or the First Assessor's designee;
 - 2. A year-round resident with a vested interest in Monhegan Island;
- 3. A representative of the Department of Transportation who is not involved with the Maine State Ferry Service;
 - 4. A representative of the Maine State Ferry Service;
- 5. A member of the House of Representatives, who if invited must be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- 6. A member of the Senate, who if invited must be appointed by the President of the Senate.
- **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

23 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to work with island and ferry service stakeholders to study the feasibility of adding ferry service to Monhegan Island. The department must submit a report by December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.