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Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 28, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.

Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development, Housing Opportunity Program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," shall convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in this State. The working group must be administered by the program and must include, but is not limited to, individuals and representatives of organizations with building and engineering expertise.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, on or before December 31, 2025, the program shall submit a report, including the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, as well as any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development, Housing Opportunity Program to convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in this State. The working group must be administered by the program and must include, but is not limited to, individuals and representatives of organizations with building and engineering expertise. On or before December 31, 2025, the program must submit a report, including the findings and recommendations of the working group, as well as any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.