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No. 1826

H.P. 1221

House of Representatives, April 29, 2025

**An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable
Information in Records of the Permanent Commission on the Status
of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations**

Reported by Representative KUHN of Falmouth for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph
G.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §25012 is enacted to read:

§25012. Confidentiality

Personally identifiable information obtained in furtherance of the commission's duties pursuant to section 25007, subsection 1, paragraph A is confidential, except that the executive director may authorize disclosure of personally identifiable information if the executive director has obtained the consent of the individual to whom the personally identifiable information applies. "Personally identifiable information" includes, but is not limited to, name, address, date of birth, e-mail address, Internet protocol address and any other information that permits the identity of an individual to whom the information applies to be able to be reasonably inferred or known by either direct or indirect means.

SUMMARY

This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to implement statutory changes recommended by the Right to Know Advisory Committee. The joint standing committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill. By reporting this bill out, the joint standing committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill; instead, the committee is reporting the bill out for the sole purpose of having a bill printed that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The joint standing committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of the proposals contained in the bill.

The bill adds a new section of law in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5 to make confidential personally identifiable information obtained in furtherance of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations' duties pursuant to Title 5, section 25007, subsection 1, paragraph A to carry out research necessary to determine the status of historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous and tribal populations, except that the executive director may authorize disclosure of personally identifiable information if the executive director has obtained the consent of the individual to whom the personally identifiable information applies.