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House of Representatives, February 24, 2026

An Act to Establish the Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub

Reported by Representative SACHS of Freeport for the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 86, section 2.

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10314** is enacted to read:

3 **§10314. Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub**

4 The Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub, referred to in this
5 section as "the resource hub," is established within the department to promote community-
6 based energy coaching services to residential consumers that provide guidance, particularly
7 to those in low-income, rural and underserved communities, to understand and navigate
8 energy efficiency and clean energy investment options to affordably meet their home
9 energy needs. Through the resource hub, the department shall make available standardized
10 training curricula and program materials that may be used by communities to implement
11 their own energy coaching programs. The department, as funding allows, shall administer
12 the resource hub.

13 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **ENERGY RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Department of Energy Resources Z424**

17 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development and maintenance of standardized
18 training curriculum and program materials for the Maine Home Energy Navigator and
19 Coaching Resource Hub.

20 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
21 All Other	\$0	\$100,000
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23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
26 Technology pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 86, section 2. The bill establishes the Maine
27 Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub within the Department of Energy
28 Resources. Through the resource hub, the department must make available standardized
29 training curricula and program materials to support communities in implementing their own
30 energy coaching programs. The bill makes a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal
31 year 2026-27 to provide funding for the resource hub.

32 The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill. By reporting this
33 bill out, the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or
34 disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole
35 purpose of having a bill printed that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate
36 public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee is taking
37 this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of the proposals
38 contained in the bill.