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CHAPTER 556
S.P. 808 - L.D. 1995

**An Act to Require the Maine
Office of Community Affairs to
Establish a Technical
Assistance Materials Hub**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3209 is enacted to read:

§3209. Technical assistance materials hub

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "technical assistance materials hub" or "hub" means a centralized source of information that provides available resources and data to guide decision makers planning for and implementing projects.

2. Hub established. The office shall coordinate with appropriate tribal, state, regional and local entities to establish and maintain a technical assistance materials hub on the publicly accessible website maintained by the office. The office shall make available through the hub materials addressing a wide variety of topics relevant to communities in this State, including, but not limited to, planning, climate resilience, housing and development. The office may also make available through the hub any of the following materials:

A. A collection of the best available resources regarding projections and models, assessments and data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

B. Tools that allow for the visualization of regions and communities across the State and that integrate best available data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

C. A library of white papers, case studies, research articles and best practices that are searchable by relevance to region, locality and sector pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

D. Information about funding opportunities for communities; and

E. Regionally prioritized best practice projects that support regional collaboration.

3. Updates. The office shall regularly update the hub.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 557
S.P. 812 - L.D. 1999

**An Act to Exclude Agricultural
Leases from the Definition of
"Subdivision" Under the
Planning and Land Use
Regulation Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. "Subdivision" does not include the lease of a tract or parcel of land or a portion of a tract or parcel of land that is used primarily for farming or ranching as defined in Title 7, section 251, subsection 4 and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 558
H.P. 243 - L.D. 343

**An Act to Incorporate the
Assessment of Emerging
Energy Technologies into the
Comprehensive State Energy
Plan**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 476, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

H. Include energy supply and demand forecasts that must be considered in other planning efforts including updates to the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577 and the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan under section 10104, subsection 4; and

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 476, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

I. Identify approximate total project award targets for the next 3 competitive solicitations to be conducted by the department pursuant to section 10313; and

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. Identify and assess emerging energy technologies, including assessing the commercial readiness,