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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 2. Stakeholder coordination. Resolved:

That the office shall coordinate with state agencies involved in the siting, permitting and regulation of electric transmission infrastructure and solicit information from a stakeholder group to assist in conducting the study under section 1. The office shall hold at least 3 meetings to solicit information and comments from the stakeholder group. Each meeting must allow stakeholder group members to participate remotely. The office shall hold the first meeting with the stakeholder group prior to commencing the study required by section 1 and, if the office issues a request for proposals for consulting services to assist in conducting the study, the first meeting must be before the issuance of the request for proposals. At the first meeting, the office shall provide to the stakeholder group a description of the scope and anticipated timeline for the completion of the study. The office shall provide an opportunity for the stakeholder group members to provide comments on any request for proposals the office develops in connection with the study and the office shall consider such comments when finalizing a request for proposals. The office shall hold at least 2 meetings with the stakeholder group during the course of the study to solicit information and comments from the stakeholder group. The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to:

1. A representative of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future;
2. A representative of the Public Utilities Commission;
3. A representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development;
4. A representative of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
5. A representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
6. A representative of the Department of Environmental Protection;
7. An individual who is a licensed engineer employed by the Department of Transportation;
8. An individual who is a licensed engineer employed in the private sector;
9. An individual who is a licensed real estate appraiser employed in the private sector;
10. An individual representing the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator;
11. An individual representing the equity subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A;
12. An individual representing the interests of private landowners in the State;

13. Two individuals representing each of the 2 investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State;

14. An individual representing consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State;

15. An individual representing an electric transmission line developer; and

16. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by September 1, 2026, the office shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes an overview of the study findings pursuant to section 1 along with any recommendations. The office shall include any comments provided by the stakeholder group as an appendix to the report. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 58

H.P. 172 - L.D. 269

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made:

1. The rule must be amended to remove Section 15-A(B)(1)(b); and
2. The rule must be amended to remove Section 15-A(B)(3)(e).

The rule may be amended as necessary to incorporate, through formatting and numbering and other technical, nonsubstantive revisions, the changes described in subsections 1 and 2.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

CHAPTER 59

H.P. 378 - L.D. 610

Resolve, to Designate a Portion of Route 234 in the Town of New Vineyard and the Town of Anson in Honor of Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins

Sec. 1. Designate portion of Route 234 the Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins Way. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 234 from its intersection with Route 27 in the Town of New Vineyard to its intersection with Route 201A in the Town of Anson the Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins Way.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60

H.P. 389 - L.D. 621

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Mattawamkeag the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge

Sec. 1. Bridge in Mattawamkeag renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2522 on Main Street, which crosses the Mattawamkeag River in the Town of

Mattawamkeag and is currently known as the Mattawamkeag Bridge, the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 61

H.P. 469 - L.D. 730

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.