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and III, Section 40 or Section 96, developing a federal waiver for children with complex medical needs or a combination of these strategies or other methods; and

7. Develop recommendations to ensure that medical assessments are conducted on children who need them through existing or expanded services or funding streams.

Sec. 2. Work group membership. Resolved: That the work group convened pursuant to section 1 must include, but is not limited to, members appointed by the council as follows:

1. A representative from the children and youth with special health care needs program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention;

2. A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Public Health Nursing;

3. A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services with expertise in the early and periodic screening, diagnostic treatment program;

4. Two parents or guardians of children who require complex medical care;

5. A representative of an agency providing home health services;

6. A representative of an agency providing private duty nursing services;

7. A physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner who takes care of pediatric patients with complex medical needs;

8. A representative from children's behavioral health services within the Department of Health and Human Services;

9. A representative from the State Board of Nursing; and

10. A representative from the council.

Sec. 3. Convening of work group; staffing assistance; funding. Resolved: That the council shall provide the necessary resources to organize and support the work of the work group convened pursuant to this resolve, including convening and providing any necessary staffing services for the work group.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the council shall submit a report, no later than January 31, 2026, that includes a summary of the findings of the work group along with recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee shall review the findings and recommendations of the report and may report out legislation to implement recommendations

related to the report in the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 129

S.P. 661 - L.D. 1667

Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

Sec. 1. Authorization to sue State. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Hemphill Farms, Inc., in Presque Isle, which claims to have suffered damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, is authorized to bring a civil action against the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This resolve is a waiver of the State's defense of immunity under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 741.

Notwithstanding the application of any statute of limitations barring this action, this action may be brought in the Aroostook County Superior Court within one year from the effective date of this resolve. Liability and damages, including punitive damages, must be determined according to state law as in litigation between individuals, except that the award of damages resulting from a civil action authorized by this resolve may not exceed \$400,000. The action may be heard by a Justice of the Superior Court or by a jury. The Maine Rules of Civil Procedure govern the conduct of the action. The Attorney General shall appear, answer and defend the action. To the extent possible, the Attorney General shall conduct negotiations in good faith to resolve this action by settlement.

The Treasurer of State shall pay any settlement determined by agreement of the parties or any judgment, including costs and interest, upon final process issued by the Superior Court or, if applicable, the Supreme Judicial Court.

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CHAPTER 130

H.P. 1167 - L.D. 1749

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Study Achieving Gender Equality

Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to study achieving gender equality. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall study the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facili-

ties and policies administered or overseen by the department and shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 3, 2025. The report must include potential solutions for eliminating gender inequality in those areas, including, but not limited to, the construction or redesignation of current facilities and the reallocation of resources, programs and opportunities. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

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CHAPTER 131

H.P. 1234 - L.D. 1850

Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects

Sec. 1. Data related to renewable energy construction projects. Resolved: That the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall coordinate with state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to renewable energy construction projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State, including through the development of a database. For the purposes of this resolve, "renewable energy construction project" or "project" means a source of electrical generation that has a nameplate capacity of 500 kilowatts or more and relies on a source of generation described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C, subparagraph (2). The evaluation must provide a method to make the data publicly available and, to the extent practicable, a method for obtaining information from renewable energy construction project developers, including, but not limited to:

1. The project's name;
2. The project owner's name and contact information, including, but not limited to, the project owner's mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address;
3. The project's location;
4. A description of the purposes for which the land on which the project is located was used prior to the development of the project;

5. The project's nameplate capacity;
6. The anticipated start date of construction of the project;
7. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, chapter 43;
8. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, section 1306-A or 3213;
9. Whether the project owner has sought, intends to seek or has received state or federal assistance, including, but not limited to, tax credits, grants or loans;
10. The status of environmental and construction permits the project has applied for or received;
11. The status of any approval requested for the project under Title 38, section 484-C or 484-D or Title 38, chapter 35; and
12. Whether the project owner intends to seek certification for the project under Title 35-A, section 3210 and, if so, under which resource class.

Sec. 2. Evaluation criteria. Resolved: That the office's evaluation required under section 1 must consider:

1. Whether state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to projects currently have access to the information listed in section 1 and have the ability to make the information publicly available;
2. Efficient and cost-effective methods to gather information listed in section 1 that is not held by a state agency;
3. Whether information in addition to that listed in section 1 should be collected from project developers or owners for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends;
4. Whether existing state databases can be modified to most efficiently display any information in addition to that listed in section 1 required by this resolve;
5. Appropriate criteria for the inclusion of a project with a nameplate capacity of more than 500 kilowatts, including, but not limited to, criteria related to the project's in-service date;
6. A reasonable frequency for database updates;
7. Whether and through what mechanism the office may or could be given the authority to require the provision of timely and accurate information by project developers or owners;
8. Whether additional staff or financial resources may be necessary to develop and maintain the data under section 1 or if it is feasible to maintain this data within existing resources of the office; and
9. Potential funding sources to support the development and long-term maintenance of the data under section 1.