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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.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the office, in consultation with the state agencies listed in section 1, shall submit a report on the evaluation under this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026. The report must contain recommendations related to 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. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

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CHAPTER 132

H.P. 1357 - L.D. 2027

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

Sec. 1. Bridge in Woolwich renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3039 on Main Street in the Town of Woolwich, currently known as the Station 46 Bridge, the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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CHAPTER 133

H.P. 1359 - L.D. 2029

Resolve, to Name the New East Main Street Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft in Honor of Private Willard Merrill and Private Barton Merrill, Jr.

Sec. 1. Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2293 on East Main Street in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, formerly known as the Foxcroft West Bridge, the Private Willard D. Merrill and Private Barton G. Merrill, Jr. Bridge.

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CHAPTER 134

S.P. 822 - L.D. 2006

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Make Certain Land Transactions in Aroostook and Somerset Counties

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey certain land in Westmanland, Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may convey, by quitclaim deed with a reverter clause, and at no cost, on other terms and conditions as the director may direct, the State's interest in approximately 7 acres of public reserved land to the Town of Westmanland. The 7 acres represent the section of the Little Madawaska Lake Road that is currently designated as public reserved lands under the bureau. The purpose of the conveyance is to enable the town to improve and maintain this section of road by which several town property taxpayers access their property. The cost of the bureau's attorney's fees, as well as the cost of a survey of the property boundaries, must be paid by the town, and the recording costs may not be paid by the bureau.

Sec. 2. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to sell certain land in Seboomook Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell to the owners of 51 Sebey Lane in Big W Township, and no other party, approximately 0.25 acres of public reserved land. The 0.25 acres represent the land under an existing septic system that serves 51 Sebey Lane and was installed prior to state ownership of the land. The buyer must pay all transaction costs, including survey, legal and recording costs for the transaction. The director may negotiate a