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CHAPTER 153
H.P. 1353 - L.D. 2023

**Resolve, to Establish a
Working Group to Identify
Ways to Manage Moorings on
Inland Waters**

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene working group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall convene a working group to educate those who use the State's inland waters under the public trust doctrine, explore issues related to moorings and develop proposals to manage and regulate moorings on inland waters. The working group must include, but is not limited to:

1. Two representatives of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, one of whom is a game warden representing the Maine Warden Service and one of whom represents the department's administration;
2. Three representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, one representing inland navigational aids, one representing the submerged lands program and one representing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission;
3. One representative who owns or operates a business that provides mooring rentals;
4. One representative of the State of Maine Harbor Masters Association;
5. One representative representing municipal interests from a municipality with moorings on inland waters that has a mooring ordinance;
6. One representative representing municipal interests from a municipality with moorings on inland waters that does not have a mooring ordinance;
7. One representative representing a lake association; and
8. One representative of a statewide organization that represents inland waters of the State.

Sec. 2. Working group duties. Resolved: That the duties of the working group convened under section 1 must include:

1. Identifying the issues related to moorings on inland waters at both a statewide and local level and identifying potential solutions;
2. Identifying the impacts and opportunities of moorings related to public safety, the environment, property ownership, recreation, commerce and fish and wildlife; and
3. Exploring how other states that have a public trust doctrine manage moorings on inland waters.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by November 4, 2026 with the findings and conclusions of the working group under section 2, including any recommended legislation. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 154
H.P. 464 - L.D. 725

**Resolve, Directing the
Efficiency Maine Trust to
Study the Quality of Jobs It
Creates in Consultation with
an Advisory Group**

Sec. 1. Efficiency Maine Trust study. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10103 and referred to in this resolve as "the trust," shall study, within existing resources and in consultation with the advisory group under section 2, the quality of jobs created through projects funded by the trust pursuant to Title 35-A, section 10104. As part of the study, the trust, in consultation with the advisory group, shall prepare a survey to study the quality of jobs created through projects funded by the trust and shall distribute that survey to qualified partners that employ 3 or more craft workers. The findings of the survey must be used to identify workforce development needs and any existing plans to address these needs and to develop the findings and recommendations of the study.

As used in this resolve, "qualified partner" means an installer that has completed an application and received acceptance by the trust to serve as an Efficiency Maine Qualified Partner; and "craft worker" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 3-A.

Sec. 2. Advisory group; members and duties. Resolved: That the trust shall convene an advisory group to consult with the trust regarding the study described in section 1, including regarding the development of the survey described in section 1 and the analysis of the data collected through that survey. The director of the trust or the director's designee shall participate in and oversee the advisory group and shall invite at least one representative from the Maine Labor Climate Council and any additional members considered necessary by the director to ensure comprehensive stakeholder representation. The advisory group shall assist the trust in: