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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 3. Accessibility. Resolved: That the program must be designed to provide outreach and education to renters, low-income electricity customers and customers having the greatest potential for peak-demand electricity usage reductions, as determined by the trust, and the trust shall prioritize outreach and education for low-income electricity customers.

Sec. 4. Collaboration. Resolved: That the trust shall collaborate with the State's transmission and distribution utilities, the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Department of Energy Resources, as well as the public, and public interest organizations, including, but not limited to, community action agencies, by seeking input on the design of the program. The transmission and distribution utilities shall provide assistance in delivering information about the program to potential program participants. The transmission and distribution utilities shall provide customer data and other information to the trust necessary for program assessment and enhancing participation in the program.

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the trust shall assess the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the program and, by February 28, 2028, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters regarding its assessment. The trust shall include in the report any challenges it encountered in administering the program and any opportunities the trust identifies for improving and expanding efforts to shift electricity consumption to off-peak periods and to help lower electricity bills and improve grid reliability.

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CHAPTER 163

H.P. 341 - L.D. 522

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State

Sec. 1. Occupational and workforce segregation study. Resolved: That the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 88-A, shall study the extent of occupational and workforce segregation by gender in the State and assess any disparities in safety or compensation related to that segregation.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2027, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall submit a report based on its findings in section 1 to the Secretary of State and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

labor matters, which may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to study the extent of occupational and workforce gender segregation.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000

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CHAPTER 164

H.P. 1438 - L.D. 2123

Resolve, to Improve Dental Care Access by Modifying the MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology for the Provision of Certain Dental Services

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to remove requirement for prior authorization for deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide that prior authorization may not be required for the provision of deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services to MaineCare members.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to modify fee schedule; reimbursement rates for anesthesia provided for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall update the department's fee schedule for MaineCare reimbursement for dental services as follows:

1. The reimbursement rate for deep sedation and general anesthesia for dental services must be established at 67% of the commercial median benchmark and this rate must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner; and

2. Deep sedation and general anesthesia services must be billed using current dental terminology codes D9222, D9223, D9224 and D9225.

Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to modify fee schedule; reimbursement rates for certain dental services. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide for the following in its fee schedule for MaineCare reimbursement for dental services:

1. The temporary reimbursement rates for tooth extractions billed using current dental terminology code D7140 must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner; and

2. The temporary reimbursement rate for dental caries arresting medicament application billed using current dental terminology code D1354 must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to prohibit requirements for prior authorization for deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services provided to MaineCare members and establish a reimbursement rate for these services at 67% of the commercial median benchmark.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$17,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$17,580
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$31,647
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$31,647
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$5,787
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,787

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. Resolved: That this resolve applies retroactively to July 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 165

S.P. 181 - L.D. 395

Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations

Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved: That the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is established.

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group consists of the following members.

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature.

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite to participate as voting members of the working group the Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the chief's designee; the Chief of the Mi'kmaq Nation or the chief's designee; the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik or the chief's designee; the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk or the chief's designee; and the Chief of the Penobscot Nation or the chief's designee.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives also shall invite to participate as nonvoting ex officio members of the working group the Governor or the Governor's designee; the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee; and the Managing Director of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the working group.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 15 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council