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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2026

7. One member representing the State's lending community, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8. One member representing condominium owners or homeowners in community ownership associations in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

9. One member of the Commission on Uniform State Laws, as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 8, appointed by the Governor.

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 commission.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business. The commission may conduct its meetings through remote participation.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

1. Review data on existing condominium and non-condominium community ownership associations in the State;

2. Review state statutes that govern and case law that affects condominium and noncondominium community ownership association developments in the State;

3. Review efforts in other states to address problems with community ownership associations; and

4. Consider whether the adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act or other laws may be suitable for the State.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters. The joint standing committee of the Legisla-

ture having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters may submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

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CHAPTER 168

S.P. 740 - L.D. 1870

Resolve, to Assess the Total Cost to the State of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; assessment of cost to State of greenhouse gas emissions; report. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct an assessment of the costs to the State of the emission of greenhouse gases for the period that began on January 1, 1995 and ended on December 31, 2024. The department may contract with a consultant to conduct the assessment required by this section. The assessment must include:

1. A summary of the various cost-driving effects of greenhouse gas emissions on the State, including effects on public health, natural resources, biodiversity, agriculture, economic development, flood preparedness and safety, and any other effect that the department determines is relevant;

2. A categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and are projected to be incurred by the State of each of the effects identified under subsection 1; and

3. A categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and are projected to be incurred by the State to abate the effects of greenhouse gas emissions from between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 2024 on the State and residents of the State.

On or before January 1, 2028, the department shall submit a report containing the results of the assessment conducted pursuant to this section to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, labor matters, judiciary matters and energy, utilities and technology matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction

over environment and natural resources matters may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for contracted support services related to the development of an assessment of the costs to the State from greenhouse gas emissions. The department is authorized to accept funds from public and private sources for these purposes.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$600,000

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**CHAPTER 169
S.P. 491 - L.D. 1202**

**Resolve, Requiring the
Department of Education to
Develop Professional
Opportunities for Educators in
African American Studies**

Sec. 1. Professional development in African American studies. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall develop professional development opportunities for educators in African American studies.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative
Pathways Z334**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for professional development opportunities for educators in African American studies.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000

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CHAPTER 170

H.P. 460 - L.D. 721

**Resolve, to Support the Full
Implementation of Certified
Community Behavioral Health
Clinics in the State**

Sec. 1. 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 one-time funding to support the full implementation of the 5 certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration Program under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, including hiring clinical and administrative staff critical to the success of the program. The funding must support enhancement of the Department of Health and Human Services' certified community behavioral health clinics in a manner that enables the department to access the designated enhanced federal match for the program. The department must continue to engage with certified community behavioral health clinic providers regarding how available funding is best leveraged for the program to achieve full implementation.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,671,811
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,671,811
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$39,849
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$39,849

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