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CHAPTER 174
H.P. 1102 - L.D. 1661

**Resolve, Requiring a Review
and Assessment of the State's
Invasive Species Management
Efforts**

Sec. 1. Review and assessment of State's invasive species management efforts. Resolved: That, within existing budgeted resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall conduct a review and assessment of the State's invasive species management efforts. The departments shall collaborate with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Marine Resources, other state agencies and local units of government and nongovernmental organizations in conducting the review and assessment. The review and assessment must include a summary of existing interagency working groups and other collaborative efforts focused on invasive species, including, but not limited to, invasive aquatic species and invasive terrestrial plants. In conducting the review and assessment, the departments shall explore opportunities for increased collaboration and efficiency and funding opportunities for projects related to the control and management of invasive species, education and outreach efforts and projects aimed at early detection and prevention of invasive species.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 31, 2027, the departments shall submit a report detailing the results of the review and assessment under section 1, including any findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters; inland fisheries and wildlife matters; marine resources matters; and environment and natural resources matters. Each joint standing committee may submit legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 175
H.P. 482 - L.D. 740

**Resolve, to Study Methods for
Improving Youth Community
Supervision and Increasing
Juvenile Diversion from
Formal Judicial Processing**

Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to convene task force. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall convene a task force, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," to study methods for diverting youths safely from formal judicial processing and to

recommend improvements to existing community supervision practices.

Sec. 2. Task force members. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Corrections shall appoint the following 12 members to the task force:

1. One member who is a regional correctional administrator within the Department of Corrections;
2. One member who is a regional correctional manager within the Department of Corrections;
3. One member who is a juvenile community corrections officer within the Department of Corrections;
4. One member with expertise in youth development and children's behavioral health within the Department of Health and Human Services;
5. One member who is an active, active retired or retired judge or justice with experience in the juvenile justice system, recommended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;
6. One member who is a prosecutor with experience in the juvenile justice system;
7. One member who is a defense attorney with experience in the juvenile justice system;
8. One member with experience in youth development and juvenile justice data analysis and research within the University of Maine System;
9. One member from a community-based program or organization designed to divert youth from the juvenile justice system;
10. One member with expertise and experience in youth law and policy development;
11. One member who has personal experience with the juvenile justice system; and
12. One member who is related to a youth who has been involved in the juvenile justice system.

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall:

1. Identify, describe and collect data on diversion of youth from Department of Corrections supervision prior to formal court involvement, including no further action determinations and informal adjustments;
2. Identify obstacles and improvements to diversions that will help ensure the Department of Corrections is able to divert youths from the formal juvenile court process when appropriate;
3. To the extent possible, establish at least one pilot site to design and implement methods for diverting youths from the juvenile justice system, with a particular focus on increasing diversion from Department of Corrections supervision and court involvement; and