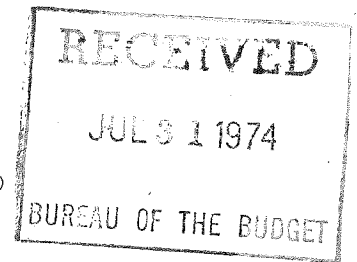


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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 30 FY - 75
DATE July 29, 1974

COORDINATION OF PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PREPARATION
FOR THE COMMISSION ON MAINE'S FUTURE

WHEREAS, through Chapter 769, Public Laws the 106th Legislature has provided for the establishment of a Commission on Maine's Future effective January 1, 1975, and

WHEREAS, that Commission has been charged to "recommend a desirable and feasible description of the state's future based upon comprehensive analysis of factual information and projections," to include the duties of recommending:

- 1) A proposed growth and development policy for the State of Maine with recommendations and implementation.
- 2) Reports assembling, analyzing and projecting relevant information regarding the future of the State including, but not limited to:
 - a. State-wide and regional demographic information on growth, interstate and intrastate migration patterns, age distribution and dependency ratios as factors in the cultural, social and economic life of the State,
 - b. Availability of various natural resources including energy and analysis of their importance to and effect upon, the cultural, social and economic life of the State,
 - c. A description of the future of the State as envisioned by Maine people.
- 3) An examination of long range plans by state departments and agencies, including the University of Maine and an assessment of their possible impact on state growth and development;
- 4) Reports on the implications of major state decisions.

WHEREAS, attainment of these statutory objectives can be materially advanced through the gathering of information and early preparation of basic materials for the Commission, and

WHEREAS, there already exist many statements of policies and plans for the state on particular subjects, and

WHEREAS, through Public Law, Chapter 721, the special session of the 106th Legislature directed the State "to coordinate the development and periodic revision of a plan or plans for the development of the State which plan or plans shall be known as the Maine Comprehensive Plan."

WHEREAS, the Maine Management and Cost Survey recommended more cohesive formulation of executive policies, and

WHEREAS, the 106th Legislature created the Commission on Maine's Future to serve as the Planning Policy Advisory Committee as recommended by the Maine Management and Cost Survey, and

WHEREAS, the Maine Management and Cost Survey recommended the creation of a Working Committee of Departmental Planners, and

WHEREAS, many state agencies are currently authorized or required to conduct research and prepare policies and plans touching various areas of their jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order:

- 1) That a working committee of Departmental Planners be established to assist the Maine State Planning Office in the production of:
 - a. by November 1, 1974, a formulation of current agency objectives; procedures for assessing achievement of those objectives; and legislative, administrative and financial impediments to their achievement;
 - b. by November 15, 1974, an update of the State Policies Plan;
 - c. by November 15, 1974, a review of agency planning activities for consistency with the overall State planning process;
 - d. before December 15, 1974, an annotated bibliography of all plans and policies now adopted or otherwise in effect as of July 1974 in all state agencies;
 - e. before December 31, 1974, an inventory of the current status and capability of policy planning at the Departmental level;
 - f. by December 31, 1974, a recommended list of policy and administrative issues to be addressed by the Commission on Maine's Future; and
 - g. by December 31, 1974, recommend other steps, procedures and activities to advance the work of the Commission.

- 2) That all department and agency heads submit to the Governor's Office and the State Planning Office the name of its Departmental Planner to serve on this committee. Such individuals, so named should be in a position to represent the commission or agency heads on policy, as well as technical matters, for their respective department or agency and should be named within two weeks of this date.
- 3) In preparing their analysis and information, the working committee is expected to seek cooperation from the regional planning agencies, Maine Municipal Association and the research capability of the University of Maine.
- 4) That the State Planning Office shall chair the committee, coordinate its activities, call meetings of the committee and prepare statistical analyses and related information gathered through the Committee for the use of all department heads, the Governor and the Commission on Maine's Future.
- 5) That the Committee of Departmental Planners through the State Planning Office or through assistance from other agencies is empowered to maintain an appropriate staff to carry out the purposes of this Executive Order.


KENNETH M. CURTIS