

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2513

H.P. 1836 House of Representatives, March 14, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.
Cosponsored by Representatives COLES of Harpswell, HOLT
of Bath, and Senator DOW of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 **RESOLVE, to Create a Commission to Study the**
2 **Feasibility of a Toll-Based Highway in**
3 **Mid-Coast Maine.**
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5 **Commission established. Resolved: That there is**
6 **established the Coastal Bypass Commission; and be it**
7 **further**

8 **Membership. Resolved: That the commission shall**
9 **be comprised of the following 13 members:**

- 1 1. The Commissioner of Transportation or the
2 commissioner's designee;
- 3 2. The Commissioner of Finance or the
4 commissioner's designee;
- 5 3. The Chairman of the Maine Turnpike Authority
6 or the chairman's designee;
- 7 4. Two Senators to be appointed by the President
8 of the Senate;
- 9 5. Two members of the House of Representatives to
10 be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- 11 6. The following members to be appointed jointly
12 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
13 House:
- 14 A. Two municipal officers, one of whom shall be a
15 mayor, alderman or councillor of a city, and one
16 of whom shall be a selectman or councillor of a
17 town, each of whom shall reside in the central
18 mid-coast area of the State;
- 19 B. One representative of the Maine Publicity
20 Bureau;
- 21 C. One representative of the Maine Motor
22 Transport Association;
- 23 D. One municipal bond dealer; and
- 24 E. One traffic planner; and be it further
- 25 **Appointment; compensation. Resolved:** That all
26 appointments shall be made within 30 days of the
27 effective date of this resolve. The Chairman of the
28 Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of
29 the commission, at which time the members shall select
30 a chairman and other officers. The members of the
31 commission shall receive reimbursement for expenses;
32 and be it further

1 **Study. Resolved:** That the commission study the
2 feasibility and options available concerning a toll-
3 based highway in central mid-coast Maine to address
4 current traffic problems on United States Route 1. In
5 particular, the commission shall:

6 1. Study traffic flow patterns and projections;

7 2. Determine the number and location of
8 interchanges;

9 3. Study bridge needs and major physical
10 constraints to the highway;

11 4. Conduct a survey of trucker associations and
12 other transport businesses regarding the use of the
13 bypass; and

14 5. Determine the feasibility of a toll-based
15 highway, federal and state funding, the issuance of
16 private bonds and any other options as appropriate;
17 and be it further

18 **Assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall
19 request necessary staff assistance from the
20 Legislative Council; and be it further

21 **Report. Resolved:** That the commission submit
22 its report, together with any necessary implementing
23 legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the
24 114th Legislature by January 15, 1990; and be it
25 further

26 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following
27 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
28 out the purposes of this Act.

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31 Coastal Bypass Commission

32 All Other \$6,550

1 Provides funds for 4
2 regular meetings, 2
3 public hearings,
4 printing the report
5 and miscellaneous
6 expenses.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 Central mid-coast Maine is facing a crisis in
9 traffic congestion along United States Route 1 from
10 Bath to Lincolnville. With a decrease in available
11 federal funds it becomes increasingly important to
12 study the methods of financing a bypass. This resolve
13 provides for an 18-month study of general issues
14 facing creation of a bypass and funding options
15 available.

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