

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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Legislative Document

No. 2339

H.P. 1689

House of Representatives, February 22, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Kennebunk and Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**Resolve, Providing for a Study of the Establishment of a Testing  
Program for the Purity of Agricultural Food Products.**

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2           **Sec. 1. Study required. Resolved:** That the Board of Trustees  
3 of the University of Maine System shall conduct a study of the  
4 need for and possible ways to implement a testing program at the  
5 University of Maine to determine the purity of Maine-grown  
6 agricultural food products. The purpose of such a testing  
7 program is to provide Maine agricultural producers and processors  
8 with a voluntary testing program that certifies to producers,  
9 processors and consumers that Maine-grown agricultural food  
10 products meet the levels of chemical safety and purity claimed  
11 for those products; and be it further

12           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the board of trustees shall  
13 submit its findings, including any necessary implementing  
14 legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 115th  
15 Legislature by January 15, 1991.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

20           This resolve requires the Board of Trustees of the  
21 University of Maine System to study whether and how the  
22 University of Maine System might establish and administer a  
23 voluntary program to test Maine agricultural food products for  
24 chemical purity. The purpose of a testing program would be to  
25 certify that any Maine grown or produced food products live up to  
26 claims of chemical purity. The board of trustees is to present  
27 the results of its study to the First Regular Session of the  
28 115th Legislature by January 15, 1991.

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