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2	L.D. 2331
4	(Filing No. S-611)
6	STATE OF MAINE
8	SENATE
10	115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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14	SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 911, L.D. 2331, Bill, "An Act to Encourage Private Sector Investment in Tourism"
16	Amend the bill in section l by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:
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	'3. Contract. The Commissioner of Economic and Community
20	Development may execute a single contract to provide for
22	operation of the state-funded information centers and inquiry
22	<u>fulfillment services with an organization that represents</u> <u>statewide tourism interests and commits to fund at least 25% of</u>
24	that contract.
26	This contract should ensure affordability and accessibility to
28	all tourism services offered by the State, for all tourism establishments and regions, but particularly for small tourism
	businesses, struggling tourism organizations and emerging tourism
30	regions that may not have the resources, without assistance, to promote themselves competitively.
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	The commissioner shall report to the chairs of the joint standing
34	committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters within 14 days as to the execution
36	of the contract and on a semiannual basis report to the committee as to the performance of the contract.'
38	as to the performance of the contract.
40	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:
42	FISCAL NOTE
44	Allowing the Department of Economic and Community Development to award a single contract for certain tourism

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services could result in minimal savings in advertising, printing
and staff time. The department can absorb the costs associated
with semiannual reports to the Legislature as to the performance
of this contract.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment retains the regular competitive bidding process in the awarding of tourism contracts and reunifies the present contract into a single contract for certain tourism services.

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