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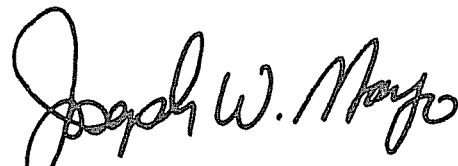
No. 831

H.P. 616

House of Representatives, March 9, 1993

**Resolve, to Direct the Economic Development and Business Assistance
Coordinating Council to Develop a Statement of Principles and
Standards for Sustainable Development.**

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Representative MELENDY of Rockland, Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland
and
Representatives: BENNETT of Norway, BRENNAN of Portland, GWADOSKY of Fairfield,
JACQUES of Waterville, KONTOS of Windham, KUTASI of Bridgton, MARSH of West
Gardiner, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MORRISON of Bangor, OLIVER of Portland, STROUT
of Corinth, TREAT of Gardiner, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, HANDY of Androscoggin,
LAWRENCE of York, PINGREE of Knox, VOSE of Washington.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, economic development must be sustainable, protect
the environment and preserve natural resources; and

8 Whereas, the background information and operational
guidelines to direct this growth is virtually nonexistent; and

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12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

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18 **Sec. 1. Statement of principles and standards. Resolved:** That the
Economic Development and Business Assistance Coordinating
Council, referred to in this resolve as the council, shall
20 develop principles and guidelines for use by regional development
organizations by November 1, 1993; and be it further

22 **Sec. 2. Contents. Resolved:** That the principles and
24 guidelines developed by the council pursuant to this resolve must
include but are not limited to the following:

26 1. The purpose and philosophy of sustainable development
28 and its relevance to regions of the State and the State as a
whole;

30 2. A description of existing models of sustainable
32 development within and outside the State and their economic
impact, referencing in particular the statement of principles
34 developed by the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
Premiers Association;

36 3. A statement about the importance of grassroots,
38 indigenous and "homegrown" businesses for stable economic growth
in regions defined by their natural resource base;

40 4. A statement about the potential for new enterprises,
42 including the envirotech industries, emerging from sustainable
development approaches;

44 5. Guidelines for collaboration and cooperation in research
46 development and marketing of allied products within the region
consistent with "3rd wave" industrial development approaches;

48 6. Models and guidelines for public and private research
50 and development including innovative financing options for joint
ventures;

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1 7. A statement about the role of alternative sources of
2 energy and transportation planning in sustainable development;

4 8. Identification of the interested parties and
6 contributors to sustainable development strategies within a
region;

8 9. How regional plans and strategies will be supported and
10 facilitated; and

12 10. How regional sustainable development strategies will
14 shape statewide development policies and strategies; and be it
further

16 **Sec. 3. Statement development. Resolved:** That the council
18 shall sponsor and hold workshops to develop and refine the
principles and guidelines; and be it further

20 **Sec. 4. Dissemination. Resolved:** That the council shall
22 broadly distribute the principles and guidelines to all local and
regional development, business, labor, education and research
entities interested in economic development; and be it further

24 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the council shall present the
26 principles and guidelines by November 1, 1993 to the Legislative
Council together with a report of its findings and
28 recommendations for any legislation.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This resolve directs the Economic and Development and
Business Assistance Council created by the 115th Legislature to
38 develop principles and guidelines for use by regional development
organizations, to disseminate the information and to conduct
workshops for interested parties. The results will be reported
40 to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.