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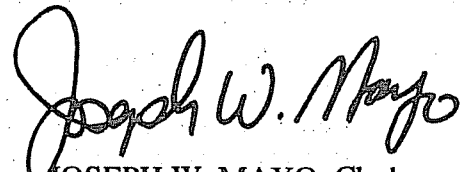
H.P. 1437

House of Representatives, March 3, 1994

**Resolve, to Enhance the Development of Alternative Uses of Maine  
Agriculture and Forestry Products.**

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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.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

2        **Preamble.**    **Whereas,** the United States Alternative  
4 Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990  
6 authorizes the awarding of grants to public and private  
educational institutions and other research institutions and  
organizations to fund research, development or demonstration  
projects in the alternative use of agricultural products; and

8        **Whereas,** developing ways to market agricultural products in  
10 forms other than food, feed or traditional forest or fiber  
12 products would provide valuable economic opportunities for  
farmers in this State; and

14        **Whereas,** the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
16 Resources, the University of Maine and certain organized industry  
groups can provide leadership in proposing uses of the grant  
money in Maine; now, therefore, be it

18        **Sec. 1. Programs eligible for grants. Resolved:** That the  
20 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall review  
the United States Alternative Agricultural Research and  
22 Commercialization Act of 1990, 7 United States Code, Section 5901  
et seq., and shall identify public programs that are likely to be  
24 eligible for a grant under that Act. If there are no programs  
currently operating that would be eligible, the department shall  
26 attempt to develop programs, within existing resources; and be it  
further

28        **Sec. 2. Plan. Resolved:** That the department shall develop and  
30 implement a plan to apply for, or assist in the application for,  
grants under the Act; and be it further

32        **Sec. 3. Public meeting. Resolved:** That the department, as part  
34 of its review and plan development under this resolve, shall  
conduct one public meeting to which are invited the University of  
36 Maine, organized agricultural, fisheries and wood products  
industry groups and other related private entities; and be it  
38 further

40        **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall report  
its plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
42 having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 1995.

#### 44                                    **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46        This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Resources to develop plans to avail the State of  
48 federal grants to develop alternative uses of agricultural

2 products. Under this resolve, the University of Maine and  
4 certain organized industry groups will have input in the  
6 development process.

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10 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.