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8	Reported by: Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock for the Committee.
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16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 378, L.D. 1055, "Resolve, Requiring a Study of the State's Export Financing Services"
22	Amend the resolve by striking out all of the 4th indented paragraph after the title and inserting in its place the
24	following:
26	'Whereas, it is important to identify any gaps or weaknesses and build upon any strengths in the current export financing
28	programs available to Maine firms; and'
30	Further amend the resolve by striking out sections 1 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:
32	'Sec. 1. Study required. Resolved: That the Maine World Trade
34	Association, referred to in this resolve as the "association,"
36	shall organize and staff a study group whose purposes are to review the export financing programs and services provided to
	businesses in Maine and make recommendations for their
38	improvement or expansion; and be it further
40	Sec. 2. Study members. Resolved: That the study group must include, but not be limited to, representatives of organizations
42	offering the export financing programs and services and
44	businesses that seek to use them. The majority of the group must be comprised of representatives of private businesses; and be it further
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	Sec. 3. Programs to be studied. Resolved: That the study group
48	shall research the existing export finance programs in Maine, including, but not limited to, those offered by the Department of
50	Economic and Community Development, the Finance Authority of
52	Maine, the Small Business Administration and the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and be it further

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Sec. 4. User survey. Resolved: That the study group shall survey banks and businesses, particularly small businesses, to determine their awareness and use of the currently available export financing programs and services; and be it further

Sec. 5. Reporting date. Resolved: That the study group shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, together with any implementing legislation on how to improve the availability of, and access to, export finance programs in Maine, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 1, 1996 and shall make an oral report to that committee by February 1, 1996.

The written report must include numerical objectives, costs 16 and an evaluation plan for the program presented. It must also include a provision for assigning and enforcing accountability for those who may receive state funds as part of the program. 18 The report must prioritize the recommended programs within the 20 State's overall economic development goals and strategy, as determined by the Commissioner Economic of and Community 22 Development.'

24 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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30 The additional costs to convene and staff a study on export financing programs and services can be absorbed by the Maine 32 World Trade Association utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The original resolve gave responsibility for studying the 38 State's export finance programs to the Maine World Trade Association. This amendment requires that the association 40 establish a study group for that purpose.

The amendment requires that any new or amended program contain numerical objectives, costs, provision for evaluation and
accountability and a prioritization within the overall state economic development goals and strategies.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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