

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 378

In Senate, March 28, 1995

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**Resolve, Requiring a Study of the State's Export Financing Services.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, CIANCHETTE of Somerset,  
FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, FERGUSON of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LORD of York,  
MICHAUD of Penobscot, O'DEA of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives:  
DEXTER of Kingfield, ETNIER of Harpswell, McELROY of Unity, ROSEBUSH of East  
Millinocket, SAXL of Portland, WHITCOMB of Waldo.

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,** a key to economic development in this State, more  
so than in most states, lies in access to global markets; and

8           **Whereas,** studies have shown that on a national basis it is  
small businesses that are least apt to take advantage of export  
financing assistance and Maine is a state of small businesses; and

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12           **Whereas,** there are indications that this State is lacking  
compared to other states in regard to global economic  
development; and

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16           **Whereas,** it is important to identify and correct any  
weaknesses in the State's current export financing program; and

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20           **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  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, be it

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24           **Sec. 1. Study required. Resolved:** That the Maine World Trade  
Association, referred to in this resolve as the "association,"  
shall study the export financing programs and services provided  
by government to businesses and make recommendations for their  
improvement; and be it further

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28           **Sec. 2. Sources of information. Resolved:** That the association  
shall study the programs of the Department of Economic and  
Community Development, the Finance Authority of Maine, the Small  
Business Administration, the Export-Import Bank of the United  
States and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and be it  
further

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32           **Sec. 3. User survey. Resolved:** That the association shall  
survey banks and businesses, particularly small businesses, to  
determine their awareness of, and satisfaction with, the  
currently available programs and services; and be it further

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36           **Sec. 4. Due date. Resolved:** That the association shall submit  
a written report of its findings and recommendations together  
with any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations  
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
jurisdiction over business and economic development by January 1,  
1996 and shall make an oral report to that committee by February  
1, 1996.

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