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In Senate, January 19, 1999

Resolve, to Ensure Equity in Public Land Acquisitions.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative COTE of Lewiston and Representative: MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Sec. 1. Land for Maine's Future Board and Bureau of Parks and 2 Lands directed to establish guidelines. Resolved: That the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Bureau of Parks and Lands are 4 directed to meet to discuss current public land holdings and land acquisition criteria and priorities. Subsequent to discussions, the Land for Maine's Future Board must revise the 6 board's guidelines for allocating the proceeds of the Land for 8 Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund developed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, 10 section 6206 as necessary to promote equity in acquisitions among the rural and urban areas of the State and among the counties of 12 the State. The Land for Maine's Future Board and the Bureau of Parks and Lands shall develop a plan and timetable for achieving 14 an equitable geographic distribution of public lands. revising these guidelines and developing the timetable, the Land for Maine's Future Board shall hold public hearings to allow 16 participation by the public; and be it

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Sec. 2. Report; date established. Resolved: That the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Bureau of Public Lands report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 1, 2000 on the plan developed and guideline revisions made pursuant to this resolve.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Bureau of Parks and Lands to develop a plan and revise acquisition criteria to ensure a more equitable distribution of public lands.