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S.P. 476

In Senate, February 18, 1999

**Resolve, to Support Downtown Revitalization through the Location of
State Facilities and Targeting Economic Development Funding.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, LaFOUNTAIN of York,
LONGLEY of Waldo, MacKINNON of York, Representatives: MADORE of Augusta,
MAILHOT of Lewiston, McKEE of Wayne.

2 **Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to**
3 **develop state policy to avoid urban sprawl. Resolved:** That the
4 Department of Economic and Community Development shall develop a
5 state policy that gives preference to locating state facilities
6 in downtown areas and avoids contributing to urban sprawl. The
7 policy must be based upon a proactive strategy that promotes
8 investment in communities that have state offices or facilities
9 that service clients by:

10 A. Targeting economic development funds through incentives,
11 funding criteria and other means to assist in renovating
12 buildings in these communities so that the buildings may be
13 used for state facilities and other businesses; and

14 B. Providing outreach and active technical assistance to
15 communities that have state offices or facilities that
16 service clients to attract state facility development and
17 other downtown business opportunities.

18 The Department of Economic and Community Development shall
19 work with the Department of Administrative and Financial
20 Services, the Department of Transportation, the Maine State
21 Housing Authority, the Finance Authority of Maine and other state
22 agencies in developing this state policy; and be it further
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24 **Sec. 2. Reporting date. Resolved:** That by January 15, 2000,
25 the Department of Economic and Community Development shall submit
26 a report with its proposed policy along with any implementing
27 legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and
28 Economic Development. The Joint Standing Committee on Business
29 and Economic Development may report out any legislation during
30 the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature concerning
31 findings and recommendations of the department.
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33 SUMMARY

34 This resolve directs the Department of Economic and
35 Community Development to develop a state policy that gives
36 preference to downtown areas for the location of state facilities
37 and avoids contributing to urban sprawl. The policy must
38 incorporate a proactive strategy to promote investment in
39 communities that have state offices or facilities that service
40 clients including targeting economic funds to assist in
41 renovating buildings for potential use for state facilities and
42 providing outreach and technical assistance to communities that
43 have state offices or facilities that service clients to attract
44 state facilities or other businesses to downtown areas. The
45 Department of Economic and Community Development is to work with
46 other state agencies in developing this policy including the
47 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the
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2 Department of Transportation, the Maine State Housing Authority
and the Finance Authority of Maine. The Department of Economic
4 and Community Development is to report to the Joint Standing
Committee on Business and Economic Development with its proposed
strategy by January 15, 2000.