

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

Legislative Document

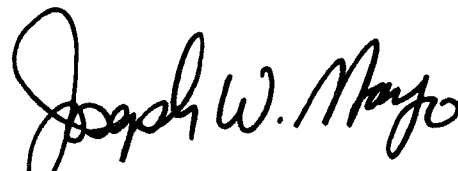
No. 2120

H.P. 1480

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

Resolve, Establishing an Improved Capital Planning Process.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.

Sec. 1. Review State Government's capital planning process.

2 **Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial
3 Services, the State Planning Office, the Department of
4 Transportation and the Office of the Treasurer of State shall
5 jointly review the current methodology used to plan for, and
6 recommend, capital expenditures. For the purposes of this
7 resolve, "capital expenditures" includes renovations, repairs,
8 major maintenance, new construction, land purchases and equipment
9 purchases exceeding \$3,000; and be it further

10
11 **Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the duties of the group of
12 agencies set out in section 1 include, but are not limited to:

13
14 1. Reviewing all constitutional, statutory and executive
15 order authority guiding the State's capital planning process;

16 2. Defining capital expenditures;

17
18 3. Defining or distinguishing routine maintenance and major
19 maintenance expenditures;

20
21 4. Reviewing the present system for rating maintenance,
22 repair and other capital projects;

23
24 5. Reviewing the State's leasing practices;

25
26 6. Reviewing the State's fixed asset inventory system;

27
28 7. Reviewing the State's debt policies;

29
30 8. Developing a debt policy that integrates capital
31 planning and debt affordability;

32
33 9. Reviewing the feasibility of developing a 4-year capital
34 plan including a project tracking system; and

35
36 10. Developing and presenting a capital budget to policy
37 makers separate from the operating budget; and be it further

38
39 **Sec. 3. Recommendations. Resolved:** That the Department of
40 Administrative and Financial Services, the State Planning Office,
41 the Department of Transportation and the Office of Treasurer of
42 State shall make recommendations about the State's capital
43 planning process to the Joint Standing Committee on
44 Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 31, 1999. The
45 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
46 may report out legislation as necessary to implement the
47 recommendations of the reporting group to the Second Regular
48 Session of the 119th Legislature.

50

SUMMARY

2

4 This resolve authorizes a group of agencies to conduct a
6 comprehensive review of the State's capital budgeting process,
8 with recommendations to be made to the Joint Standing Committee
 on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 31, 1999.
 The committee may report out legislation as necessary to
 implement the recommendations of the reporting group.