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Resolve, to Implement the Saco Bay Regional Beach Management Plan.

(EMERGENCY)

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford,
LOVETT of Scarborough, O'NEIL of Saco, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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,** the Saco Bay Planning Committee has completed a
plan to improve the beaches of Saco Bay with endorsements from
the municipalities of Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Scarborough; and

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10 **Whereas,** the City of Saco requires the modification of an
existing federal coastal engineering structure for reducing
coastal erosion that has destroyed over 30 structures, public
roads and utilities and continues to threaten property and public
safety; and

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16 **Whereas,** the modification of the coastal engineering
structure located in Camp Ellis, Saco, Maine will allow improved
sand management for all of Saco Bay; 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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26 **Sec. 1. Engineering analysis contract. Resolved:** That the
Department of Conservation shall procure a contract with a
qualified coastal engineering firm to provide a detailed
engineering analysis of the recommendations for coastal
engineering structure modifications provided by the Saco Bay
Regional Beach Management Plan. The structure subject to the
modifications is located on the north side of the mouth of the
Saco River in Camp Ellis, Saco, Maine. The recommendations
include, but are not limited to, the following items.

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36 1. The landward end of the coastal engineering structure
must be modified by adding rock material to the existing
structure for the purposes of roughening the existing profile to
reduce wave activity and related erosion.

40 2. The seaward end of the coastal engineering structure
must be modified by removing 1,000 feet of the seaward end of the
structure for purposes of allowing the natural flow of sand from
the Saco River to migrate onto the beaches in Saco Bay.

44 3. The existing sand dune in Camp Ellis must be
reconstructed by adding sand and vegetation sufficient to act as
a buffer against erosive wave activity, as well as to create
public beach and wildlife habitat; and be it further

