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H.P. 598

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Create a Farmland and Open Space for the Community Board.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HAWES of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: GOOLEY of Farmington, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars
Hill, McKEE of Wayne, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln,
KNEELAND of Aroostook, President MICHAUD of Penobscot.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to create a board charged with the duty
12 of identifying and purchasing areas of land for farmland and open
14 space preservation. Unlike the existing Land for Maine's Future
16 Board, which is charged with identifying and purchasing areas of
land significant to the State, this new board would identify and
purchase land that has local value. In addition to protecting
farmland and open space, this new board will oversee the creation
of a database of farmers seeking to sell their farms to aspiring
farmers.