

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1438

S.P. 436

In Senate, March 5, 2001

**An Act to Strengthen the Maine Sister City Relationship with Aomori,
Japan.**

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 DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and
Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305-C is enacted to read:

§3305-C. State Planning Office Sister State Advisory Council

The State Planning Office shall establish the Sister State Advisory Council, referred to in this section as the "council," for matters relating to strengthening the relationship in the Sister State Program with Aomori, Japan. The council is directed to produce a plan to provide criteria and structure for coordinating private and public activities to further strengthen the cultural and economic ties with the Prefecture of Aomori, the "Sister State" to the State of Maine.

1. Council membership. The council consists of the following 10 citizen members appointed by the Director of the State Planning Office:

A. One representative of the Maine State Museum Commission;

B. One representative of the Maine Arts Commission;

C. One representative of the Maine Humanities Council;

D. Two representatives of the Maine International Trade Center;

E. One representative of the University of Maine System;

F. One representative from a private Maine college or university;

G. Two representatives from school districts with exchange relationships in Aomori, Japan; and

H. One representative from a Maine municipality with a sister-city relationship with Aomori, Japan.

2. Terms. Each member is eligible to serve 2 3-year terms, with 3 groups of members, with 1/3 appointed each year for rotation of membership and continuity. The director shall appoint the chair and other officers, if necessary.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§33-F is enacted to read:

<u>33-F.</u>	<u>Sister State</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>5 MRSA</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Advisory</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§3305-C</u>
<u>Planning</u>	<u>Council</u>		
<u>Office</u>			

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SUMMARY

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This bill creates the Sister State Advisory Council established by the State Planning Office to strengthen the economic and cultural ties with Aomori, Japan.

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