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H.P. 1559

House of Representatives, January 11, 2002

**An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Program to Provide Incentives for  
Multimunicipal Development.**

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Reported by Representative KOFFMAN for the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1330.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

2                   **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

4                   **8. Growth management pilot projects.** The council shall set  
6 up and conduct a pilot project program to provide incentives for  
8 coordinated multimunicipal development by permitting 2 or more  
10 municipalities to share the costs and benefits of development.  
12 The council may approve up to 5 pilot projects by certifying the  
14 municipalities to receive priority for state transportation  
16 infrastructure funding, growth management planning and  
18 implementation grants, community development block grants awarded  
under section 13073 and Municipal Investment Trust Fund grants  
awarded under Title 30-A, section 6006-D. The council shall  
report on the implementation of the pilot projects to the joint  
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
natural resources matters by January 1, 2003.

20                   **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4349-A, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

22                   **3-A. Preference for certified growth management pilot**  
24 **projects.** When awarding grants or assistance for transportation  
26 infrastructure funding, growth management planning and  
28 implementation grants, Municipal Investment Trust Fund grants  
awarded under section 6006-D and community development block  
grants awarded under Title 5, section 13073, a state agency shall  
give preference to a municipality that receives certification  
from the Land and Water Resources Council that the municipality  
meets the requirements of a pilot project pursuant to Title 5,  
section 3331, subsection 8.

## 32                   SUMMARY

34                   This bill implements a recommendation of the Joint Study  
36 Committee to Study Growth Management. It directs the Land and  
Water Resources Council to set up a pilot project program to  
38 provide incentives for towns to work together on development  
issues by giving them the opportunity to share costs and benefits  
of development. Under the bill, towns that are certified by the  
40 council as meeting the requirements of the pilot project program  
are eligible to receive priority in state transportation funding,  
42 growth management funding, Municipal Investment Trust Fund grants  
and community development block grants.