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**Resolve, To Improve Public Safety, Enhance Local Communities** and Reduce Transportation Expenses

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative PIOTTI of Unity. Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, MARLEY of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, THOMPSON of China.

Sec. 1. Management plan. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall establish a committee, referred to in this 2 resolve as "the committee," within the department to develop a management plan for heavyweight trucks traveling on Maine roads 4 north of Augusta other than Interstate 95 due to the 80,000-pound weight limit on that highway. 6 The committee must include one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate and 2 8 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. Legislators are not entitled to receive the legislative per diem, 10 as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2; and be it further

Sec. 2. Plan goal. Resolved: That the goal of the plan developed pursuant to section 1 is to reduce negative effects of heavyweight trucks on road maintenance, public safety and community character, with emphasis on the Route 9 corridor from Augusta to Bangor, until the 80,000-pound weight limit on 18 Interstate 95 is raised; and be it further

Sec. 3. Plan strategies. Resolved: That in developing the plan the committee shall consider a number of management strategies,
including but not limited to:

 Limiting all through-traffic heavyweight trucks to certain state highways, or restricting the hours during which
trucks may operate, in order to reduce community disruptions, improve public safety and reduce or eliminate truck traffic that
bisects important natural habitat areas designated by the Department of Conservation; and

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Increasing penalties for heavyweight trucks that violate
traffic laws; and be it further

34 Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the committee shall present the completed plan to the Joint Standing Committee on 36 Transportation for review and comment by February 1, 2006.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to 42 establish a committee within the department to develop a management plan for heavyweight trucks traveling on Maine roads 44 north of Augusta due to the 80,000-pound weight limit on Interstate 95.