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House of Representatives, January 24, 2007

### **An Act To Reward Cooperation in Comprehensive Planning**

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Reported by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor for the Community Preservation Advisory Committee pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4350, subsection 10.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4346, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 641, §10, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 The office may enter into financial assistance grants only to the extent that funds are  
5 available. In making grants, the office shall consider the need for planning in a  
6 municipality or multimunicipal region, the proximity of the municipality or  
7 multimunicipal region to other areas that are conducting or have completed the planning  
8 process and the economic and geographic role of the municipality or multimunicipal  
9 region within a regional context. The office may consider other criteria in making grants,  
10 as long as the criteria support the goal of encouraging and facilitating the adoption and  
11 implementation of local and multimunicipal growth management programs consistent  
12 with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter. In order to  
13 support regional planning, the dollar amount of a financial assistance grant to a  
14 multimunicipal region must be greater than that of a grant provided to an individual  
15 municipality. In order to maximize the availability of the technical and financial  
16 assistance program to all municipalities, multimunicipal regions and regional councils,  
17 financial assistance programs administered competitively under this article are exempt  
18 from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant  
19 to Title 5, section 1825-C for use in the purchase of services and the awarding of grants  
20 and contracts. The office shall publish a program statement describing its grant program  
21 and advertising its availability to eligible applicants.

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#### SUMMARY

23 This bill implements a recommendation of the Community Preservation Advisory  
24 Committee. The bill requires that a financial assistance grant for comprehensive planning  
25 that is provided to a multimunicipal region must be greater than that of a grant provided  
26 to an individual municipality.