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An Act To Require Economic Analysis and Public Comment for Road Construction Projects

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §651, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The department may alter, widen or change the grade of any state or state aid
5 highway whenever in its judgment the public exigency may require, and may lay out,
6 establish and open a new highway as a state highway, and upon appropriate petition from
7 municipal officers may lay out, establish and open a new highway as a state aid highway.
8 The department shall complete an economic analysis of a proposed corridor for a state or
9 state aid highway and shall submit this economic analysis for public comment prior to
10 any final determination of the location of the corridor. It may discontinue a highway, or a
11 portion thereof, as a state or state aid highway and the same ~~shall~~ must be thereafter
12 maintained by the town or county originally liable therefor except as otherwise provided.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to complete an economic analysis
15 of a proposed corridor for a state or state aid highway and to submit this economic
16 analysis for public comment prior to any final determination of the location of the
17 corridor.