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Resolve, To Provide a Comprehensive Assessment of Progress Made To Eliminate Combined Sewer Overflow into the State's Waterways

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham and Senators: RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.

1	Sec. 1. Governor to appoint panel to assess combined sewer overflow.
2	Resolved: That the Governor shall appoint an independent expert panel to draft a report
3	assessing the status of efforts to eliminate combined sewer overflow in the State. The
4	assessment must include public health risks, economic loss due to clam flat closure,
5	municipal project coordination, management, technology and financing. The report must
6	analyze progress made to date and recommend state initiatives to assist communities to
7	meet the cost of eliminating combined sewer overflow in a more expedient manner; and
8	be it further
9	Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2008, the independent
10	expert panel created in section 1 shall submit its report along with any recommended
11	legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The Joint Standing

legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

14 **SUMMARY**

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This bill directs the Governor to appoint an independent expert panel to draft a report assessing the status of efforts to eliminate combined sewer overflow in the State.