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Resolve, To Provide Regional Economic Development Assistance To Ensure Prosperity in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: COURTNEY of York, Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARY of Houlton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SILSBY of Augusta.

1 Sec. 1. Community development assistance for municipalities. Resolved: 2 That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall establish a 3 position in the department dedicated to providing community development assistance, 4 including regional economic development assistance, to municipalities in all areas of the 5 State. The focus of this position must be on providing assistance to a municipality, upon the application of that municipality to the department, in preserving the character, 6 integrity and viability of that municipality, with a special emphasis on preserving 7 8 downtown areas.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a position in the department dedicated to providing community development assistance, including regional economic development assistance, to municipalities in all areas of the State. The focus of this position must be on providing assistance to a municipality, upon the application of that municipality to the department, in preserving the character, integrity and viability of that municipality, with a special emphasis on preserving downtown areas.