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TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 283, L.D. 736, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Request Federal Funding for the Extension and Completion of Interstate 95"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Secure Funding To Complete the Aroostook North-South Highway Project'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Caribou and Presque Isle segments of the Aroostook North-South Highway have available and ready for use in construction over \$40,000,000 in federal financial assistance through the provision of high priority project funding by Congress; and

Whereas, the Governor executed an order in March 2009 directing the Department of Transportation to make the completion of these segments a priority, with construction of the Caribou segment to begin in 2010 and the Presque Isle segment to begin no later than 2011; and

Whereas, the cities of Caribou and Presque Isle have unanimously resolved through their respective city councils to proceed with the construction of these segments; and

Whereas, through the Act To Secure Maine's Transportation Future, Public Law 2007, chapter 470, the Legislature listed the Aroostook North-South Highway as an extraordinary corridor, which now has a scope, priority and schedule for community consensus within the meaning of that Act; and

Whereas, the current available funding to complete the construction of both of these segments is insufficient; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Full project funding request. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall secure full funding to complete the Aroostook North-South Highway project beginning with segments in Caribou and Presque Isle through all available funding options, including federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any other similar legislation, the reauthorization of federal surface transportation legislation, bonds, Highway Fund allocations and public-private partnerships.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which replaces the resolve, directs the Department of Transportation to secure full funding to complete the Aroostook North-South Highway project beginning with segments in Caribou and Presque Isle through all available funding options, including federal funding through stimulus legislation and the reauthorization of federal surface transportation legislation, bonds, Highway Fund allocations and public-private partnerships.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 736

LR 954(02)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Request Federal Funding for the Extension and Completion of Interstate 95

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Federal Expenditures Funds

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Bond Funds

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Funds

Potential current biennium cost increase - Bond Funds

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Department of Transportation to secure full funding to complete the Aroostook North-South Highway project through federal funding, bonding and/or Highway Fund revenues. The Department of Transportation has secured \$40 million in funding for this purpose from the Congressional Delegation and has begun the planning process. This funding will also be used to complete the Caribou project and begin planning on the Presque Isle project as required in the bill. Additional funding would need to be secured to fully complete the Aroostook North-South Highway project.