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Resolve, To Increase Reporting Transparency in State Government

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LOVEJOY of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PIOTTI of Unity, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland. Sec. 1. Spreadsheet format required for agency information. Resolved: That, upon request by a Legislator, each state agency that submits complex calculations in print or electronic format to Legislators must also, or in lieu of the print or electronic format, submit the same information in a spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel format or other compatible format.

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1. The spreadsheet may be saved in a read-only format to protect the integrity of the data.

2. The spreadsheet must include all appropriate numerical values, clearly explained with a header row and separated in standard fashion into different columns or rows.

3. Each major calculation in a spreadsheet must display the calculation formula so that the calculation may be reviewed.

## SUMMARY

This resolve requires that, when state agencies provide to Legislators documents that contain complex calculations, they must provide them in Microsoft Excel format or a compatible format according to specific requirements.

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