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House of Representatives, March 29, 2011

**Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study the Subdivision
Laws**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORISSETTE of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, COTTA of China, FITTS of Pittsfield, HARVELL
of Farmington, KESCHL of Belgrade, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel,
SIROCKI of Scarborough.

1 **Sec. 1. Working group to study subdivision laws. Resolved:** That the
2 Department of Public Safety, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene
3 a working group to study land use planning and regulatory issues pertaining to the
4 development of subdivisions and the subdivision laws; and be it further

5 **Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved:** That the department shall invite the following
6 persons to participate in the working group under section 1:

7 1. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection;

8 2. One person from the Governor's office selected by the Governor;

9 3. One citizen selected by the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on State
10 and Local Government;

11 4. Two lawyers selected by the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on
12 State and Local Government;

13 5. One surveyor selected by the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on
14 State and Local Government;

15 6. One civil engineer selected by the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee
16 on State and Local Government;

17 7. Two lawyers whose practice concerns land use laws selected by the Senate chair
18 of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government;

19 8. One person selected by an organization that represents home builders;

20 9. One person selected by an organization that represents commercial real estate
21 builders; and

22 10. One Legislator selected by the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on
23 State and Local Government; and be it further

24 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 30, 2012, the department shall report
25 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with its
26 recommendations for changes to the subdivision laws.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This resolve requires the Department of Public Safety to convene a working group to
29 study the subdivision laws. The department shall report its recommendations for changes
30 to the laws to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January
31 30, 2012.