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House of Representatives, February 3, 2015

**An Act To Create Corridor Districts for the Purpose of Funding
Transportation and Transit Services**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and
Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
HEAD of Bethel, HOBART of Bowdoinham, McLEAN of Gorham, PARRY of Arundel,
Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to provide for a more predictable and stable environment to fund
6 transit and mobility needs, including passenger rail, ferries and bus, bike and pedestrian
7 routes, by allowing the creation of multimunicipal, multijurisdictional transportation
8 districts along defined transportation corridors and to form service sharing and revenue
9 partnerships. The corridor districts will have the authority to bond infrastructure; raise
10 funds for operations, capital investment and maintenance of facilities; purchase, own and
11 lease real estate, including station and station area infrastructure financing; and support
12 downtown infrastructure financing strategies, transit corridor infrastructure financing
13 strategies and regional transportation initiatives.

14 A local referendum will be required in each municipality desiring to participate in a
15 transit partnership. District membership will be identified by criteria specific to a defined
16 transportation corridor. The districts will provide inducements for expanding, retaining
17 businesses and attracting new investments and provide adequate revenues to support
18 critical state and local transportation services.