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House of Representatives, February 5, 2015

**An Act To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Consider
Certain Third-party Studies and Municipal Recommendations in Its
Decision-making Process**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLUME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and
Representatives: HYMANSON of York, McLEAN of Gorham, RYKERSON of Kittery,
Senator: COLLINS of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§5**, as enacted by IB 1991, c. 1, §3, is amended to
3 read:

4 **5. Transportation policy.** Transportation planning decisions, capital investment
5 decisions and project decisions of the ~~Maine Turnpike Authority~~ authority are governed
6 by and must comply with the transportation policy set forth in section 73 and rules
7 implementing that policy. Prior to funding a significant transportation project, the
8 authority shall review any 3rd-party study relating to the project and consider
9 recommendations of a municipality that is entirely or in part within the boundaries of the
10 project area as expressed in a vote of the legislative body of that municipality.

11 For purposes of this subsection, "significant transportation project" means a project that
12 increases carrying capacity of the turnpike by constructing:

13 A. One or more through travel lanes that connect major distribution areas;

14 B. A new highway, bridge or toll facility in a new location; or

15 C. Projects funded by public investments that create new capacity.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, prior to funding a significant
18 transportation project, to review any 3rd-party study relating to the project and to
19 consider recommendations of a municipality that is entirely or in part within the
20 boundaries of the project area as expressed in a vote of the legislative body of that
21 municipality.