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No. 655

H.P. 436

House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a State Firefighter Training Facility

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
GREENWOOD of Wales, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of Winslow, THERIAULT of China,
Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety to study the feasibility of developing**
 2 **statewide and regional training facilities for firefighting. Resolved:** That the
 3 Department of Public Safety shall hire an independent consultant to study the feasibility
 4 of establishing a statewide, centrally located firefighter training facility and several
 5 regional firefighter training facilities. The regional training facilities must be located so
 6 as to be within reach of at least 90% of the firefighters of the State within one hour. At a
 7 minimum, the study must identify:

- 8 1. The best location for each regional firefighter training facility based on
 9 demographics and environmental impact;
- 10 2. Other potential users of the firefighter training facilities;
- 11 3. The type of training to be provided at each facility;
- 12 4. The daily structuring of the operations of each facility;
- 13 5. The annual operational cost per facility;
- 14 6. Opportunities for the facilities to generate other revenue to offset annual
 15 operational costs;
- 16 7. The benefits of the facilities to public safety; and
- 17 8. The funding and grant options available on a statewide and federal basis for
 18 construction and maintenance of the facilities.

19 The Department of Public Safety shall submit a report based on the results of the
 20 study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January
 21 6, 2016; and be it further

22 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 23 appropriations and allocations are made.

24 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

25 Initiative: Provides funds for an independent consultant to study the feasibility of
 26 establishing a statewide firefighter training facility and regional firefighter training
 27 facilities.

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| 28 | GENERAL FUND | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
| 29 | All Other | \$200,000 | \$0 |
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| 31 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$200,000 | \$0 |

SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to hire an independent consultant to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide, centrally located firefighter training facility and several regional firefighter training facilities. It includes a General Fund appropriation and requires the department to submit a report based on the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 6, 2016.