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H.P. 295

House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford.

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 create a paid internship program in the Department of Inland
6 Fisheries and Wildlife in order to provide beginning wildlife biologists with a diversity of
7 opportunities to increase their experience and make them more versatile and more likely
8 to pursue careers in the State.

9 The program must:

- 10 1. Employ a competitive process to choose interns;
- 11 2. Offer a paid internship to each chosen participant for a period of no less than 2
12 years;
- 13 3. Include various fields of study in incremental blocks over the course of the
14 internship; and
- 15 4. Be offered to no fewer than 3 interns per year.

16 It is intended that funding for this program would come, in part, from the
17 consolidation of seasonal and other part-time positions in the Department of Inland
18 Fisheries and Wildlife the duties of which can be performed by interns participating in the
19 program.