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Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Conduct a Surplus Property Inventory

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

1 **Preamble. Whereas,** the State continues to experience a severe shortage of 2 affordable housing; and

- 3 **Whereas,** the cost of land is one of the biggest barriers to the development of new 4 affordable housing; and
- 5 **Whereas,** a surplus property inventory has not been conducted by the Department of 6 Administrative and Financial Services for many years; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct 7 an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures. Resolved: That the 8 Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct an inventory of 9 surplus state-owned land and structures, pursuant to the authority and process established 10 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23. The inventory must 11 include all surplus vacant land, unimproved structures and improved structures. The 12 department shall consult with the Maine State Housing Authority in determining the 13 suitability of land and structures for use in the development of affordable housing, 14 consistent with Title 30-A, section 4754, subsection 3. The department shall report on 15 the outcomes of the inventory and make recommendations regarding affordable housing 16 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing by February 1, 2020. 17

SUMMARY

19 This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures pursuant to the authority 20 and process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742, subsection 21 23 and to work with the Maine State Housing Authority to determine suitability of 22 identified surplus land and structures for development of affordable housing. It directs 23 the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing 24 regarding the inventory and to make recommendations regarding affordable housing by 25 26 February 1, 2020.

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