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In Senate, January 27, 2021

**Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger
Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to
Bangor**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 25, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer and
Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, DOORE of
Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville.

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Sec. 1. Rail service to Bangor. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, shall conduct a feasibility study and develop a plan to implement passenger rail service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor along existing railroad corridors.

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

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal – Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a feasibility study and plan to implement passenger rail service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor along existing railroad corridors.

HIGHWAY FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, to conduct a feasibility study and develop a plan to implement passenger rail service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor along existing railroad corridors. It provides an allocation of \$300,000 in one-time funds in fiscal year 2021-22 to fund the feasibility study and plan.