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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2022

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In Senate, February 10, 2022

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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a  
Study Group To Examine Bridge Safety**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant".

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

**Sec. 1. Department of Transportation to convene study group to examine bridge safety; report. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall convene a study group including members representing the department, the National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine and other interested parties to examine department bridge safety standards and how they may be improved beyond federal standards to discourage suicide attempts from bridges in this State. No later than November 2, 2022, the department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to make bridges in this State safer and more resistant to suicide attempts.

## SUMMARY

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