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3 ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 131ST LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 161, L.D. 240, "An Act to Increase
10 Public Access to Utilities"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 '**Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation**
13 **to Increase Broadband Internet Access'**

14 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 1. Broadband Internet installation legislation. Resolved:** That the Maine
16 Connectivity Authority, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section
17 12004-G, subsection 33-H and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall develop
18 proposed legislation to improve the ability of tenants in multiple dwelling units in the State
19 to receive broadband Internet service and benefit from increased competition among
20 Internet service providers. In developing proposed legislation, the authority shall consider
21 issues related to the installation of broadband Internet service infrastructure in multiple
22 dwelling units in the State, including, but not limited to, applicable federal requirements.
23 The authority shall provide an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in identifying
24 issues related to the installation of broadband Internet service infrastructure in multiple
25 dwelling units in the State and to submit comments regarding proposed legislation.
26 Stakeholders may include, but are not limited to, individuals representing real estate,
27 development and community interests; Internet service, cable and wireless technology
28 providers; and landlords.

29 The authority shall submit a written summary of its activities under this section and
30 proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
31 over utility matters by January 30, 2025, and the committee may report out a bill related to
32 the authority's summary to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.'

33 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
34 number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

2 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve. It directs the
3 Maine Connectivity Authority to develop proposed legislation to improve the ability of
4 tenants in multiple dwelling units in the State to receive broadband Internet service and
5 benefit from increased competition among Internet service providers. The authority must
6 submit a written summary of its activities and proposed legislation to the joint standing
7 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by January 30, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 240

LR 1838(02)

An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-798)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Maine Connectivity Authority

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Connectivity Authority from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.