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House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

**An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal
Programs to Cities and Towns in the State**

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Housing suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.

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 clarify and enhance the relationship between state agencies and
6 regional planning commissions in the State by providing:

7 1. Direct resources to regional planning commissions for the development of
8 municipal ordinances, the examination of regional suitability for new housing
9 developments and the development of model ordinances for the benefit of large and small
10 communities;

11 2. Efficient delivery of technical assistance through the existing regional planning
12 commission structure to provide cities and towns access to federal and state programs for
13 housing, land use and economic development; and

14 3. Improved mapping and geographic information system support to accomplish state
15 and regional goals.