

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 415

House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

**Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority to Study  
Strategies for Improving Abandoned Properties and Developing  
Housing Infrastructure**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford.

1           **Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority study. Resolved:** That the Maine State  
2 Housing Authority established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4722  
3 shall study strategies for improving abandoned properties and recommend strategies for  
4 municipal governments and regional organizations to create incentives for land  
5 improvements, including the use of state infrastructure banks or other means to guarantee  
6 loans, and a structure for repayment of those loans, for housing infrastructure projects  
7 serving a larger area built by private developers or others.

8           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing  
9 Authority shall submit a report based on its study in section 1 to the Joint Standing  
10 Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

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### SUMMARY

12           This resolve directs the Maine State Housing Authority to study strategies for  
13 improving abandoned properties and recommend strategies for municipal governments and  
14 regional organizations to create incentives for land improvements, including the use of state  
15 infrastructure banks or other means to guarantee loans, and a structure for repayment of  
16 those loans, for housing infrastructure projects serving a larger area built by private  
17 developers or others. The resolve requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a  
18 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic  
19 Advancement and Business by December 1, 2024 regarding the study.