

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 440

House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

### **An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GEIGER of Rockland, O'NEIL of  
Saco, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 383, §5, is  
3 amended to read:

4 D. Assist the State in applying for, using and leveraging federal and private grant-  
5 making sources on issues of importance to the State; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 383, §5, is  
7 amended to read:

8 E. Act as a coordinating agency among departments and agencies of State Government  
9 on issues requiring multiple departments or agencies to work together to develop  
10 strategies to respond to state challenges; ~~and~~

11 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

12 F. Ensure that state planning processes, including the development of public  
13 infrastructure, and resources made available to the public by the State that reference  
14 sea level rise in regard to climate change use a conservative sea level rise projection  
15 based on data released by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate  
16 Change or based on another science-based and peer-reviewed analysis of sea level  
17 change modeling.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to ensure that state  
20 planning processes, including the development of public infrastructure, and resources made  
21 available to the public by the State that reference sea level rise in regard to climate change  
22 use a conservative sea level rise projection based on data released by the United Nations'  
23 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or based on another science-based and peer-  
24 reviewed analysis of sea level change modeling.