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In Senate, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a
Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That
Municipality**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and
Representative: BRIDGEO of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§4364-D. State-owned solar energy project**

4 Prior to commencing construction on a solar energy project on property owned by the
5 State, the State shall hold a public hearing in the municipality where the solar energy project
6 is planned to be located.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires the State to hold a public hearing in a municipality where a solar
9 energy project on property owned by the State is planned to be located prior to commencing
10 construction on the project.