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H.P. 588

House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

**An Act Facilitating the Efforts of the Midcoast Regional
Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Brunswick to Design and
Carry Out Improvements to the Storm Water System and Other
Infrastructure at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station**

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GOLEK of Harpswell,
HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham, PAULHUS of Bath, Senators: RENY of Lincoln,
VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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 direct the State to establish a plan to replace, repair and upgrade
6 critical conventional and environmental infrastructure throughout the entirety of the former
7 Brunswick Naval Air Station for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of
8 residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations and the former naval air station's flora and
9 fauna.

10 The bill proposes to identify and establish a state-level funding stream to facilitate the
11 execution of the State's plan.

12 The bill also proposes to provide the Town of Brunswick and the Midcoast Regional
13 Redevelopment Authority any resources and legal authority necessary to facilitate the
14 execution of any planning efforts.

15 The bill also proposes a statutory solution to the fact that the Town of Brunswick, the
16 Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, Bowdoin College, the United States Navy
17 and various developers all own pieces of the storm water system infrastructure at the former
18 Brunswick Naval Air Station.

19 Finally, the bill proposes to harmonize all of the above with ongoing federal and state
20 remediation and safe storage efforts with respect to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
21 substances, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid, also known as PFAS,
22 PFOS and PFOA, respectively, and other known hazardous chemicals.