

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2023

Legislative Document

No. 1542

H.P. 994

House of Representatives, April 6, 2023

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the
Use of Micromobility Devices**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ANKELES of Brunswick,
MASON of Lisbon, PARRY of Arundel.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Transportation to study the use of micromobility**
2 **devices. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, with the cooperation of the
3 Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Secretary of State, shall study the
4 use of micromobility devices and in particular the safety, impact on other users or on public
5 ways, infrastructure needs, equity considerations and gaps in regulatory policy regarding
6 micromobility devices. For purposes of this resolve, "micromobility device" means a small,
7 low-speed human or electric-powered transportation device, including a bicycle, scooter,
8 skateboard, electric-assist bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, electric skateboard or
9 other lightweight, wheeled conveyance that has a speed of 28 miles per hour or less.
10 "Micromobility device" does not include a conveyance powered by an internal combustion
11 engine.

12 **Sec. 2. Areas of study. Resolved:** That the areas that the department shall study
13 regarding micromobility devices include:

14 1. A review of available national and state safety data that shows the number of persons
15 injured or killed while a micromobility device is being used;

16 2. A review of international, national, state or municipal policies that regulate
17 micromobility devices;

18 3. A review of market growth trends regarding and populations using micromobility
19 devices;

20 4. A review of the impacts that micromobility devices have on other users of public
21 ways and other transportation infrastructure, including multi-use paths, sidewalks, bicycle
22 lanes, road shoulders, shared lanes and other infrastructure serving low-speed and
23 physically vulnerable users;

24 5. A review of state and national public safety enforcement recommendations regarding
25 micromobility devices;

26 6. A review of state, national or international information and recommendations
27 regarding best practices for the use of micromobility devices;

28 7. A review of state, national and international studies, policies and practices regarding
29 micromobility devices involving transportation equity to achieve fairness in providing
30 mobility and access to meet the needs of all populations, including underserved and
31 disadvantaged communities; and

32 8. A review of any relevant provisions in the laws of the State regarding liability that
33 may apply to micromobility devices and recommendations for amending laws regarding
34 liability to apply to micromobility devices.

35 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 6, 2023, the Department of
36 Transportation shall submit a report based upon the study in section 1, along with any
37 recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which may
38 report out legislation based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st
39 Legislature.

SUMMARY

1
2
3
4

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to study micromobility devices and in particular the safety, impact on other users or public ways, infrastructure needs, equity considerations and gaps in regulatory policy regarding micromobility devices.