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Date: 2/29/24

L.D. 1787
(Filing No. H-786)

HOUSING

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1150, L.D. 1787, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Subdivision laws review required. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a stakeholder group to review the subdivision laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4 and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The stakeholder group shall recommend a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the subdivision laws that promotes development in growth areas; reduces development pressure in rural areas; protects public health, safety and welfare; advances state goals to produce affordable housing; and streamlines the development review process.

Sec. 2. Membership of stakeholder group. Resolved: That, at a minimum, the stakeholder group must include:

- 1. A member of the Senate as follows:
 - A. During the 131st Legislature, a member of the Senate recommended by the President of the Senate; and
 - B. During the 132nd Legislature, a member of the Senate recommended by the President of the Senate;
- 2. A member of the House of Representatives as follows:
 - A. During the 131st Legislature, a member of the House of Representatives recommended by the Speaker of the House; and
 - B. During the 132nd Legislature, a member of the House of Representatives recommended by the Speaker of the House;
- 3. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction
2 over subdivision review matters under those laws by December 6, 2025.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-786)*

Committee: Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$36,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$36,000	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,400 in fiscal year 2024-25 and \$1,400 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has indicated that its current staff capacity in the Land Use Planning Commission program is insufficient to complete this bill's requirements. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$36,000 to ACF in fiscal year 2024-25 for contracted legal and facilitation services. Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to participate in the stakeholder group are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.