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JOINT STUDY ORDERS

JOINT ORDER ESTABLISHING THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE INNOVATION ECONOMY

S.P. 847

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy is established as follows.

1. Establishment. The Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy, referred to in this order as "the committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 13 members of the Legislature: 3 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate and 10 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The 13 members must include at least one member from each of the following joint standing committees: the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development; the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources; the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources; the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

3. Duties. The committee shall:

A. Review the current status of state efforts to address research and economic development, including:

- (1) The final report of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development from the 118th Legislature;
- (2) The State's science and technology plan; and
- (3) The preliminary findings of the 5-year "Evaluation of Maine's Public Investment in Research and Development" by Michael Luger, E. Brent Lane, Irwin Feller and Catherine S. Renault of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise; and

B. Develop recommendations for future legislative action to expand research and economic de-

velopment activities in this State. These recommendations may include the following:

- (1) The role of research and development in the economic development strategy of the State;
- (2) The relative role of educational institutions, governmental agencies, private research facilities and businesses within the State's research and economic development strategy;
- (3) The level of bonding for capital investments in support of research and economic development and the manner in which such funds should be expended; and
- (4) The level of ongoing appropriations in support of research and economic development and the manner in which such funds should be expended.

4. Meetings. In conducting its duties, the committee may meet with any individuals, departments, organizations or institutions it considers appropriate.

5. Appointments. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature. The first-named members appointed from each body are cochairs of the committee.

6. Staff assistance. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staffing and clerical assistance to the committee and may, within existing resources, obtain technical assistance from appropriate sources.

7. Compensation. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel for attendance at meetings of the committee.

8. Report. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature by December 6, 2006.

9. Extension. If the committee requires a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension.

10. Budget. The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

**Passed by the Senate April 26, 2006 and the
House of Representatives April 26, 2006.**
