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adults needing long-term services. For purposes of this section, "housing-related services" means assistance in securing housing and tenancy sustaining and community transition services.

**Sec. 2. Collaboration with Maine State Housing Authority; stakeholder involvement. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate with the Maine State Housing Authority to determine how existing Maine State Housing Authority resources may be leveraged more effectively to address the housing needs of persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders and other vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and older adults needing long-term services.

In performing the review under this section, the department shall examine relevant data and evidence-based practices and solicit input from stakeholders, including those providing housing-related services to persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders and other vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and older adults needing long-term service; advocates for persons experiencing homelessness or for other vulnerable populations; and other stakeholders who provide legal, health or other social services to persons experiencing homelessness or to other vulnerable populations.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That no later than February 1, 2020 the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report and recommendations developed pursuant to this resolve, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out a bill to implement the recommendations if necessary.

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**CHAPTER 56**

**S.P. 500 - L.D. 1566**

**Resolve, To Determine Ways To Increase the Number of Recipients under the Tuition Waiver Program for Participants in Foster Care**

**Sec. 1. Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee to review the tuition waiver program for participants in foster care. Resolved:** That the Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 9 shall review the tuition waiver program for participants in foster care. In its review, the committee shall consult

with the Finance Authority of Maine, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services and any other public or private organizations that work with children in the foster care system. The committee shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020 on the identification of barriers to the tuition waiver program for dependent students who have been adopted and independent students who have not been adopted with recommendations and any suggested legislation to support both communities through the tuition waiver program. After receiving the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 57**

**H.P. 1016 - L.D. 1401**

**Resolve, To Study Transmission Solutions To Enable Renewable Energy Investment in the State**

**Sec. 1. Renewable energy investment; stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office shall convene a stakeholder group to address transmission system needs and funding strategies to support renewable energy investment in the State. The stakeholder group, at a minimum, shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. Current constraints and barriers in the state and regional transmission systems that impede planning for and realizing increased renewable energy development and integration in the State and the impact of these current system limitations on existing renewable energy resources, including the ability to qualify for the sale of energy and capacity in the regional wholesale energy markets. The stakeholder group shall make recommendations for improving the capability of the in-state transmission system to meet in-state demand and to export excess supply for the purposes of optimizing existing renewable energy resources and promoting in-state and regional system reliability;

2. Transmission infrastructure investment solutions and system improvements to realize different renewable energy development scenarios. The stakeholder group shall examine a minimum of 4 different renewable energy development scenarios that vary by total generation capacity, resource type and site location, taking into consideration the impact on siting and ratepayers and the relative benefits of different scenarios for energy consumers, transmission costs, existing

generators, developers of new renewable energy resources and the environment;

3. Opportunities for regional coordination to advance transmission solutions to support new renewable energy resource development in the State, including deployment of new renewable energy resources capable of providing system reliability benefits to the State and the region, with consideration of publicly available data and studies available from ISO New England, Inc.; and

4. Potential funding sources and strategies, including bonding and public-private partnerships, for renewable energy development.

The office shall invite to participate in the stakeholder group, at a minimum, a representative of: the Public Utilities Commission; the Office of the Public Advocate; ISO New England, Inc.; investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities; consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities; a statewide renewable energy association; a statewide environmental organization; a statewide construction industry trade association; community-scale renewable energy developers; grid-scale renewable energy developers; existing renewable energy resource generators; large industrial electricity consumers; and low-income electricity consumers.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 15, 2019, the Governor's Energy Office shall provide a report on the work of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The report must include the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group regarding the issues listed in section 1 and identify changes to law necessary to implement the recommendations. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

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## CHAPTER 58

**H.P. 1310 - L.D. 1840**

### **Resolve, To Continue until August 3, 2019 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2019**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** certain positions in State Government are scheduled to expire prior to July 1, 2019, which is prior to the end of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Continuation of limited-period positions. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all limited-period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June 2019 are continued until August 3, 2019.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 7, 2019.

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## CHAPTER 59

**S.P. 531 - L.D. 1641**

### **Resolve, To Examine Issues Relating to the School Transportation Workforce**

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, shall comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to, determining the best strategies for hiring, training and retaining school transportation personnel. The Department of Education shall consider ways to conduct training at no cost to the school transportation personnel. By January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Each committee may report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 60

**H.P. 441 - L.D. 613**

### **Resolve, Concerning the Adoption of Rules To Carry Out the Purpose of the Bridging Rental Assistance Program**

**Sec. 1. Adoption of rules. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to the