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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

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

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program in order to ensure fairness, equity and access to the program for those persons with mental illness who qualify for the program.

**Sec. 2. Delay in adoption of rules. Resolved:** That if the Department of Health and Human Services anticipates a delay in the adoption of rules under section 1, the department shall submit a report by January 1, 2020 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services detailing the reason for the delay and the progress made.

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**CHAPTER 61**

**H.P. 492 - L.D. 671**

**Resolve, To Require Professional Licensure for Home Inspectors**

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review regarding the proposal to license home inspectors. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall conduct an independent assessment pursuant to the sunrise review requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the proposal to license home inspectors.

**Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That no later than January 10, 2020 the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report with any necessary legislation following the independent assessment under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is authorized to submit legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 62**

**H.P. 1008 - L.D. 1394**

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Conduct a Surplus Property Inventory**

**Preamble. Whereas,** the State continues to experience a severe shortage of affordable housing; and

**Whereas,** the cost of land is one of the biggest barriers to the development of new affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures. Resolved:**

That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures, pursuant to the authority and process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23. The inventory must include all surplus vacant land, unimproved structures and improved structures. The department shall provide the inventory to and consult with the Maine State Housing Authority in determining the suitability of land and structures for use in the development of affordable housing, consistent with Title 30-A, section 4754, subsection 3. The department shall report on the outcomes of the inventory and make recommendations regarding affordable housing to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to surplus state-owned land and structures including a requirement that the department provide an annual report related to surplus state-owned land and structures.

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**CHAPTER 63**

**H.P. 851 - L.D. 1168**

**Resolve, To Improve Maine's Response to Childhood Trauma**

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

**Whereas,** the task force on childhood trauma response guidance, established by this resolve, is convened to develop guidance for kindergarten to grade 12 administrators on appropriate training and responses to childhood trauma; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; 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 preserva-