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**CHAPTER 24
H.P. 360 - L.D. 497**

**Resolve, To Direct the
Department of Health and
Human Services To Report on
Child Abuse Prevention Efforts
To Implement the Family First
Prevention Services Act**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to report on child abuse prevention efforts to implement the Family First Prevention Services Act. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall, no later than January 15, 2022, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the department's comprehensive review of the continuum of child abuse prevention services, including primary, secondary and tertiary prevention, undertaken as part of the State's plan to implement the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, Public Law 115-123. The department shall report on its work as part of the State Agency Partnership for Prevention, including, but not limited to, the inventory of prevention services that target support for youth and families and an examination of the gaps in and needs for prevention services that state agencies can collectively work together to fill. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 25
H.P. 533 - L.D. 722**

**Resolve, To Study the
Establishment of the Maine
Climate Corps**

Sec. 1. Service projects; Maine Climate Corps. Resolved: That the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, shall study and identify short-term projects and tasks in state agencies that could be made into service projects for residents of the State. The commission shall provide the basis for an establishment of the Maine Climate Corps as proposed in the Maine Climate Council's climate action plan, "Maine Won't Wait: A Four-year Plan for Climate Action." The study under this section must include consideration of how to best structure a Maine Climate Corps program to address shifting and expanding climate challenges that can be addressed by the Maine Climate Corps in the future and to allow for long-term service projects. The commission shall also study existing service programs to identify potential hosts for the

Maine Climate Corps, along with identifying possible public and private partnerships. The commission shall submit a report based on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by January 31, 2022.

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**CHAPTER 26
S.P. 206 - L.D. 820**

**Resolve, To Convene a
Working Group To Develop
Plans To Protect Maine's
Agricultural Lands When
Siting Solar Arrays**

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a working group of stakeholders to develop plans and consider ways to discourage the use of land of higher agricultural value and encourage the use of more marginal agricultural lands when siting a solar array. The department shall submit its report and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology; and the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources no later than January 14, 2022.

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**CHAPTER 27
H.P. 638 - L.D. 870**

**Resolve, Directing the
Permanent Commission on the
Status of Racial, Indigenous
and Maine Tribal Populations
To Study the Impact of Policies
Regarding Agriculture, Access
to Land, Access to Grants and
Access to Financing on African
American and Indigenous
Farmers in the State**

Sec. 1. Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations study. Resolved: That the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall study the impact of policies regarding agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing

on African American and indigenous farmers in the State. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 17, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a study of the impact of policies regarding agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing on African American and indigenous farmers in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$20,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0

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**CHAPTER 28
H.P. 693 - L.D. 937**

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Jointly Develop Recommendations Regarding Carbon Storage Programs and Policies

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop recommendations regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall jointly develop recommendations for the establishment of programs and policies to promote and incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration of soil carbon on natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers, including, but not limited to, technical assistance and financial incentives for that purpose. The departments shall consult with stakeholders with expertise on carbon storage programs, agriculture, forestry, land management and economic incentives for

carbon storage and with members of the Maine Climate Council's working lands working group established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A, subsection 7, paragraph D.

Sec. 2. Reports regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That, on or before March 1, 2022, the departments under section 1 shall submit an interim report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the interim report. On or before September 1, 2022, the departments shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 29
H.P. 962 - L.D. 1306**

Resolve, To Facilitate the Inclusion of Crisis Response Services in Emergency Services Offered through the E-9-1-1 System

Sec. 1. Emergency Services Communications Bureau; report. Resolved: That, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, the E-9-1-1 Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-A, crisis response services providers and other stakeholders, the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communications Bureau shall research and review protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system. On or before February 1, 2022, the Emergency Services Communications Bureau shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology outlining protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system and including any recommendations, including proposed legislation, necessary to implement such protocols and procedures. The report under this section may also include measures for the training of dispatch staff in the provision of crisis response services. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out related legislation to the 130th Legislature.

As used in this section, "crisis response services" means services offered to individuals experiencing mental health emergencies, emergencies relating to substance use disorder or other emergencies for which fire,