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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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the chair and shall hold a minimum of one public hearing located in the geographic area along the Mountain Division Line.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, within 9 months of convening its first meeting, the council shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Transportation on its findings and recommendations regarding the use of the Mountain Division Line, including majority and minority reports if necessary.

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

Effective June 14, 2021.

**CHAPTER 53
S.P. 95 - L.D. 227**

Resolve, To Conduct a Transit Propensity Study for Communities between Portland and Bangor

Sec. 1. Transit propensity study. Resolved: That, if the Department of Transportation receives funding in accordance with section 2, the department shall conduct a transit propensity study to assess the demand and viability for new or enhanced transit service, including passenger rail, between the communities of Portland and Bangor. The study must include a review of relevant traffic counts, most recent data from the United States Census Bureau, population and employment data, all reasonably feasible corridors of service and primary trip generators that could significantly affect demand. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 1, 2023. The report must include estimates of the propensity of transit service demand, an estimated range of incremental growth in transit service and cost estimates of capital required for operating new or enhanced transit service. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.

Sec. 2. Municipal partnership. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study under section 1. The total costs of the study must be determined by the department. No funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives from municipalities for which new or enhanced transit service will be assessed as part of the study commitments for no less than 25% of the overall costs of the study.

The department may enter into agreements with municipalities for the municipalities to pay their portions to fund the study in a single installment or in multiple installments. If municipalities have not fulfilled their commitment to provide 25% of the overall costs of the study by the dates agreed upon with the department, the department may discontinue the study. If the department discontinues the study, any remaining funds received from municipalities must be returned to the municipalities and any remaining department funds for the study must be returned to the accounts from which they were received.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a transit propensity study to assess the demand and desire for transit, including but not limited to passenger rail, between the communities of Portland and Bangor.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$150,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 54
S.P. 209 - L.D. 524**

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Research Workable Methods To Collect Pesticide Sales and Use Records for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to research workable methods to collect pesticide sales and use records. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control shall research workable methods to collect pesticide sales and use records for the purpose of providing information to the public. The board shall explore the best methods for collecting pesticide use information from schools as defined in the board's rule Chapter 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools; private applicators as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22; and commercial ap-

plicators as defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 5. The board shall explore the best methods for collecting information on pesticide sales in the State. The board shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55

S.P. 180 - L.D. 814

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County

Sec. 1. Expanding workforce training options in Waldo County; evaluation. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall evaluate the unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with the goal of providing additional capacity for training in the most accessible platform possible in industries with identified employee shortages. In conducting the evaluation, the Maine Community College System shall examine the following industries and trades:

1. Nursing or other medical trades;
2. Composites manufacturing;
3. Carpentry;
4. Electrical trades;
5. Millwright trades; and
6. Ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing and heating.

The Maine Community College System shall use its established methods and practices in assessing the need for expanded workforce training options in Waldo County.

Sec. 2. Strategies for expanding workforce training options. Resolved: That, if the Maine Community College System, while conducting the study in section 1, finds that a need for workforce training options exists in any of the industries and trades examined, the Maine Community College System shall assess the best way to increase capacity and opportunity. Potential strategies for the consideration include but are not limited to:

1. Expanding access through Maine Quality Centers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12727;

2. Long-distance learning options; and
3. Colocation or collaboration with other learning institutions.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2021, the Maine Community College System shall submit a report based on its evaluation in section 1 identifying if and where needs exist and outlining the best options to meet those needs to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report, including suggested legislation, must include but is not limited to:

1. What unmet workforce training needs exist;
2. What industries should be prioritized for expanded workforce training options;
3. The best methods for expanding workforce training options;
4. Costs and facility needs for expanding workforce training programming; and
5. A timeline for implementation of expanded workforce training options.

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

S.P. 317 - L.D. 991

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an Economic Evaluation Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

Sec. 1. Economic evaluation study. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall conduct an economic evaluation study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The study must include an economic evaluation of commuter and passenger rail service that builds upon data and potential next steps included in the Lewiston-Auburn Passenger Rail Service Plan published in May 2019. The economic evaluation must incorporate 2 of the "Full Build Preferred Alignments" contained in that report as follows: "Alignment 1A" for the Pan Am Railroad corridor; and "Alignment 1B" for the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad corridor from Auburn to Yarmouth