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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2021**

in the State. The board shall develop a feasible definition of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl adulteration in a pesticide. The board shall submit a report based on the study with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

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**CHAPTER 84**

**S.P. 148 - L.D. 341**

**Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Study and Report on How Statewide Retirement Systems Affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset Can Cooperate on Solutions**

**Sec. 1. Maine Public Employees Retirement System to study cooperation of statewide retirement systems. Resolved:** That the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall study existing cooperation and any further potential cooperation of statewide retirement systems affected by the windfall elimination provision, pursuant to the federal Social Security Amendments of 1983, Public Law 98-21, and the government pension offset, pursuant to the federal Social Security Amendments of 1977, Public Law 95-216. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall consult and collaborate with any applicable retirement associations, such as the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, as necessary. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall submit a report with its recommendations, including any suggested legislation, no later than January 1, 2022 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee may report out a bill based on the report and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 85**

**H.P. 702 - L.D. 946**

**Resolve, Regarding the Shore Damage Mitigation Project in Saco Bay**

**Sec. 1. Saco Bay shore damage mitigation project; state assistance. Resolved:** That the Governor shall take all actions the Governor considers

necessary to assist and support the City of Saco in the City of Saco’s role as the nonfederal sponsor with the United States Army Corps of Engineers under the federal River and Harbor Act of 1968, Section 111, as amended, 33 United States Code, Section 426i, for the shore damage mitigation project for the Saco River and Camp Ellis Beach in Saco pursuant to the report dated July 2017 and known as Alternative 6, which may include:

1. Directing any relevant state agencies to assist the City of Saco in its entering into a project partnership agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the project under this section; and

2. Directing any relevant state agencies to assist and support the City of Saco and other communities on Saco Bay in the construction of the project under this section and in implementing other beach and beach habitat remediation projects in and around Saco Bay as recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey, including dune planting projects.

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**CHAPTER 86**

**S.P. 259 - L.D. 826**

**Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time**

**Sec. 1. Permanent Atlantic Standard Time study and analysis. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System shall, within available resources, study and analyze the potential effects on public health and the State's economy of the State adopting permanent Atlantic Standard Time and determine if that adoption will serve the convenience of commerce as required by the United States Department of Transportation. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine:

1. The current effects of the practice of setting clocks forward and backward, including but not limited to physical health, mental health and economic effects as determined by both scientific research and public opinion; and

2. Whether adopting permanent Atlantic Standard Time will negatively affect business shipping and receiving of goods and products; the ability of residents to receive important television and radio broadcasts and timely news and information; bus, passenger rail and airline services across time zones; residents who engage

in work, schooling, recreation, health care or religious worship outside of the State's time zone; major elements of the State's economy; and any current federal, state or local plans for economic development.

Funding for the study must be through private donations to the University of Maine System and the University of Maine System is not required under this resolve to undertake work for which it does not have or has not received sufficient resources.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by February 15, 2022, the University of Maine System shall submit a report, including suggested legislation, based on its study and analysis in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 87**

**H.P. 961 - L.D. 1305**

**Resolve, To Increase  
Collaboration between the  
Maine State Housing Authority  
and the Department of Health  
and Human Services**

**Preamble. Whereas,** over 19,000 Maine households with extremely low incomes are severely rent burdened, meaning they pay more than 50% of their income toward rent, because they lack access to either the income or rental assistance to afford rent; and

**Whereas,** due to the number of households struggling to make housing payments, over 5,000 households face eviction every year in the District Court; and

**Whereas,** the Maine State Housing Authority engages, directly or through grantees, with thousands of households every year who need assistance with rent, utilities or supportive services to find and keep housing and prevent homelessness; and

**Whereas,** there are over 350,000 families receiving direct financial assistance, food assistance or medical insurance assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the MaineCare program and other related programs; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Health and Human Services engages with families on a regular basis to determine eligibility for these assistance programs through the department's office for family independence and also interacts with numerous other families through the Office of Child and Family Services; and

**Whereas,** coordination between the Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services will help meet the needs of families for supports with housing and income in a more simplified and holistic manner; and

**Whereas,** the Maine State Housing Authority is currently administering an emergency rental assistance program through community action agencies for which a person is automatically eligible if the person receives benefits through any assistance programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, which provides an opportunity for simplified verification; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Collaboration between Maine State Housing Authority and Department of Health and Human Services. Resolved:**

That the Maine State Housing Authority, referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," to seek, identify and implement initiatives to maximize access to housing assistance for recipients of services from the department and maximize access to assistance programs administered by the department for recipients of housing assistance, including students, from the authority or its grantees. Specifically, the authority and the department shall:

1. Consider mechanisms, including direct telephone outreach, program staff training, mailings, website links and telephone queue recordings, that provide opportunities to increase enrollment in housing assistance programs among department clients and increase enrollment in department assistance programs among housing assistance recipients;
2. Evaluate the extent of increased enrollment in programs administered by the department or the authority that can be reasonably attributed to increased coordination pursuant to this resolve;
3. Consider the capacity of the department's and the authority's computer systems to work together in a manner that most effectively facilitates access to additional services for recipients of services provided by the department or the authority, including the potential for applicants applying for assistance from the department to use the same portal to apply for rental assistance, with applicant information sent to the authority to process and finalize, using preverified data from the department, as appropriate;
4. Identify barriers to collaboration between the department and the authority and possible solutions and resources, financial or otherwise, necessary to overcome these barriers and implement the identified solutions; and
5. Identify any costs, including but not limited to personnel costs and those associated with technology changes, considered necessary to substantially improve coordination between the department and the authority.