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**CHAPTER 92
H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1613**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation To Develop Partnerships with Businesses, Unions and Educational Programs and Institutions To Provide Training and Transportation for Workers

Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Labor and Department of Transportation to develop partnerships with businesses, unions and educational programs and institutions to provide training and transportation for workers. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation shall collaborate to develop partnerships with businesses, unions and educational programs and institutions to provide a hub where workers can access transportation to training programs, apprenticeships and jobs and receive information about open positions and training opportunities. As part of this collaboration, the departments shall:

1. Focus on areas with no viable public transportation;
2. Consider creating a fund for young people in job training programs, including technical education at secondary schools, for driver education, with participation based upon a means test and including youth in foster care; and
3. Coordinate with businesses, unions, educational programs and institutions, training programs, employers and community organizations to improve dissemination of information about available job opportunities and resources for training and transportation.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2023, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation shall provide a report on the progress made to carry out this resolve to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor and housing matters and the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, which each may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 93
H.P. 132 - L.D. 179**

Resolve, To Require a Review of Property Tax Assessment of Energy Efficiency Improvements

Sec. 1. Report regarding valuation of certain energy facilities. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services, within existing resources, shall convene a stakeholder group to review municipal policies regarding the assessment of energy efficiency improvements, including heat pumps, for the purpose of identifying the most appropriate ways to assess such property for purposes of the property tax. The stakeholder group must include representatives of municipal government, a representative of an association representing property tax assessors, representatives of organizations promoting energy efficiency improvements and other members of the public with an interest in home energy efficiency improvements.

The department shall prepare and submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation by December 1, 2021 a report of the stakeholder group's activities. The report must include guidance to municipalities for determining the valuation and assessment of energy efficiency improvements, including heat pumps. The department shall also make the report available on its publicly accessible website.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 94
S.P. 247 - L.D. 633**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training and Other Professional Development for School Staff

Sec. 1. Department to review diversity, equity and inclusion training. Resolved: That the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall review best practices for the training of school staff on issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion. The department shall identify gaps in training, areas of strength and areas needing