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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

improvement and shall identify curricula best suited to the needs of the State, its students and school staff.

**Sec. 2. Department to review professional development requirements. Resolved:** That the department shall review all current statewide professional development requirements and shall identify gaps in professional development, areas of strength and areas needing improvement.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall report its findings and recommendations under this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 18, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 95**

**S.P. 296 - L.D. 882**

**Resolve, To Direct the Office of Marijuana Policy To Convene Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program**

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder meetings. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through its office of marijuana policy, shall convene meetings with stakeholders within the State's medical marijuana industry to study, review and evaluate any changes or updates that may be necessary to the State's medical use of marijuana program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 558-C. The department shall convene meetings with stakeholders representing every aspect of the State's medical marijuana industry, including, but not limited to, registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana manufacturing facilities, qualifying patients, municipal representatives, relevant health care professionals and any other relevant stakeholders affected by the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations from the meetings convened under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical use of marijuana matters no later than January 1, 2022. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical use of marijuana matters may introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings and recommendations in the report.

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**CHAPTER 96**

**H.P. 133 - L.D. 180**

**Resolve, Regarding the Storage of Consumer Fireworks**

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the State Fire Marshal shall convene a stakeholder group to review federal and state requirements for the storage of consumer fireworks by businesses that sell consumer fireworks. The stakeholder group must be broadly representative and must include individuals who are not affiliated with consumer fireworks businesses and municipal officials from municipalities in which consumer fireworks businesses are located and a representative of the Maine Municipal Association. The State Fire Marshal shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by November 1, 2021 regarding the work of the stakeholder group and recommended legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature regarding the storage of consumer fireworks.

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**CHAPTER 97**

**H.P. 998 - L.D. 1364**

**Resolve, To Study Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems**

**Sec. 1. Study and recommend incentives for residential fire sprinkler systems. Resolved:** That the State Fire Marshal shall convene a task force to study whether it is feasible and desirable to provide incentives for developers, builders and home buyers to install residential sprinklers. The study must examine the forms and delivery of incentives and dissemination of public information about and advertising of incentives. The study must include consideration of incentives that differ in urban and rural areas. The State Fire Marshal shall invite to serve on the task force individuals representing the following: fire chiefs, firefighters, builders and contractors, real estate agents, fire sprinkler contractors, fire safety educators, insurance carriers, water districts and other persons who express interest in the work of the task force.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the State Fire Marshal shall present the findings and recommendations of the task force to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 1, 2021. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the recommendations in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.