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in competing for ongoing competitive state and federal funding opportunities;

4. Recommend the most effective organizational structure for state-funded programs that support local government to ensure that municipalities and regional planning and development organizations that support communities have the support they need in a coordinated, easily accessible manner with fewer points of entry; and

5. Recommend the optimal organizational structure and staffing configurations and include a summary of budget implications to improve coordination and implementation of planning grants and technical assistance.

Sec. 2. Consultation. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall consult with diverse stakeholders, including representatives of municipalities and regional planning and development organizations, to provide input on their needs and recommendations, and the office shall coordinate recommendations with leadership and staff from the state agencies that manage programs and grant funds across State Government that support community planning and technical assistance, including the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection, and coordinate with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to consider and develop recommendations regarding any budget and staffing issues.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall submit a report including proposed legislation and financial and staffing implications with regard to its review and consultation under this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 6, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 52

H.P. 283 - L.D. 466

Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades

Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; evaluation of recycling for solar panels and wind turbine blades. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall evaluate whether solar panels and wind turbine blades meet the criteria in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section

1772, subsection 2 to be a candidate for a product stewardship program. The evaluation must include collection of information regarding facilities operating or planned for operation in the eastern United States that can recycle solar panels or wind turbine blades and identification of the recycling costs for those materials for customers of those facilities. The department shall include its findings and recommendations from the evaluation, including any proposed legislation, in the annual report required by Title 38, section 1772, subsection 1 and due February 15, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53

H.P. 284 - L.D. 467

Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation shall convene a working group on accessible electric vehicle charging stations, referred to in this resolve as "the working group."

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint the members of the working group. The working group must include at least 9 members and include:

1. One person employed by the Department of Transportation;
2. One member representing the Efficiency Maine Trust;
3. One member representing Alpha One;
4. One member representing the Moving Maine Network;
5. One member who identifies as a person living with a disability with significant interest in or experience with the accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations;
6. One member representing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal;
7. One member who is a contractor or representative of a contractor who manages or builds electric vehicle charging stations;
8. One member representing the Maine Municipal Association; and
9. One member representing a transmission and distribution utility.