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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

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.

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**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.

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**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.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint 2 chairs from the members appointed under section 2.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved:** That, appointments made under section 2 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the United States Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in the design and installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The document may address accessibility of a charging station by a user, station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements; and
2. Develop recommended standards for the accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations to persons with disabilities and how those standards may be best incorporated into local code standards.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 3, 2024, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation a report that includes the working group's recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 54**

**H.P. 302 - L.D. 485**

**Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements**

**Sec. 1. State Board of Education to study potential revisions to educator credential requirements. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education shall study potential revisions to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. The State Board of Education's study must include, but is not limited to, review of:

1. Athletic director qualifications, including potential revisions to the requirements regarding a Maine administrator certificate other than a Teaching Principal's certificate, diversity-centered content and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's accredited certification program;

2. The industrial arts endorsement, also referred to as "700 certification," including potential revisions from an industrial arts endorsement to an industrial arts, technology and engineering endorsement, and establishing alternative pathways for experiential laboratories and apprenticeships;

3. Potential additional waivers for educators holding certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or for conditional certification extensions due to extenuating circumstances;

4. Reciprocity for educators holding out-of-state educator credentials or certification; and

5. Any other potential revisions the State Board of Education identifies.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education, no later than January 2, 2024, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report must include, with specificity for each of the required components of the study listed in section 1, findings and recommendations on whether revisions are needed to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel and, if revisions are needed, suggested legislation to implement the potential revisions. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 55**

**H.P. 550 - L.D. 884**

**Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center**

**Sec. 1. Creation of state employee and legislative child care center. Resolved:** That, no later than October 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct a study, within existing resources, on the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The department shall study practical matters inherent to creating the child care center, including proximity to the State House, whether to build a new facility or repurpose an existing facility, the time period for opening the child care center and credits or stipends to pay for child care and staffing requirements. As part of the study, the department shall conduct a survey of state employees and