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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: DIAMOND, Pray, Crowley, Kany  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1666

SUMMARY: LD 1838 is the new draft of LD 1666 which  
provided for:

1. An inventory of all land owned by agencies of State Government, including an evaluation of the possible uses of the parcels and a statement of intent on the part of the agency as to whether it will be used in the next 3 years to fulfill the obligations of the agency.
2. Creation of a 3-person review panel to examine the inventory, identify parcels which will not be used by the owning agency within 3 years and determine which parcels could be made available for the construction of affordable housing. Membership on the panel would include the Commissioner of Administration, the Executive Director of the Maine State Housing Authority and the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands.
3. Establishment of a "land bank," administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and comprised of parcels of land owned by state agencies which are found by the review panel to be available and suitable for the construction of housing. A list of the parcels would be made available to potential housing developers.

If any potential developer wanted to acquire a parcel for housing, they could do so by agreeing in contract form to make at least 25% of the units to be built affordable for people at or below 80% of the median income for the area. Special consideration would be given to developers who will make units affordable to persons below 60% of the median income for the area. The price and terms for acquisitions of parcels would be negotiable and the land could be leased on a long-term basis. Each agreement would include a provision that the land would revert to the State in the event that the purposes for which it was sold or leased are violated. The proceeds of the sale or lease would be placed in the General Fund.

LD 1838 provides that the Bureau of Public Improvements will conduct an inventory of state-owned land to determine which land is needed by state agencies and which is surplus. The Maine State Housing Authority will analyze

the results of the inventory and determine sites that will be suitable for the construction of affordable housing, particularly for low-income persons. The Maine State Housing Authority will develop a plan to meet the affordable housing needs of the State and report its findings, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

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