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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAY 1988

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**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

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

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

The task force would serve as an on-going coordinating committee to effectively coordinate and target limited resources to address the affordable housing crisis. In addition, the task force was charged to:

1. Review the problem in Maine, including the areas in which the problem occurs currently, the expected needs for housing by the year 2000, and the major obstacles to providing affordable housing;
2. Review federal policies;
3. Look at approaches in other states;
4. Analyze the problem of homelessness in Maine; and
5. Develop a comprehensive plan that coordinates and targets resources and programs of different agencies at all levels to effectively address the problem.

The comprehensive plan would be reported, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

The bill was withdrawn. A copy of the bill was sent to the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing with a request that the task force review the bill and its contents. In particular, the Governor's Task Force was asked to consider recommending a coordinating and monitoring interagency and intergovernmental committee to coordinate limited resources to address the affordable housing problem.

**LD 2217** An Act to Facilitate the Collection and Organization of Data for Effective Use in State Government (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Economic Development Committee) **PUBLIC 701**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-557 MAJ REP
	ONTP	MIN	H-575 CROWLEY

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to establish an interagency data coordinating committee to determine the means and costs by which data, collected by several different agencies and necessary for economic development and planning, could be organized and easily adopted to any designated geographical units.

The data would be collected by municipalities and any other geographical unit proposed by the coordinating committee and approved by the Governor and Legislature. The coordinating committee also would be required to develop a uniform format for the collection of the data.

The coordinating committee would report its findings and recommendations, including costs and implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

The bill was amended by a Committee Amendment that placed the responsibilities with the Information Services Policy Review Board for the collection and coordination of data for economic development and growth management purposes. This board is required by law to review and recommend policies for the coordination of data collection in state government. The Committee Amendment also added the Executive Director of the Finance Authority of Maine and the Director of the Housing Authority to the Information Services Policy Review Board.

The Information Services Policy Review Board will report to the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development on January 1, 1989, with respect to a reporting schedule for reporting the board's finding and recommendations. These findings and recommendations will consider the means by which data relating to economic development and growth management can be best coordinated, the means by which ready access to this data can be achieved, the costs of different alternatives for the organization and coordination of the data, the type of data that is available, and the age of the data.

LD An Act to Create the Economic Corridor Action Grant Program ND 2601  
2220

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CROWLEY	OTP-ND	
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SUMMARY  
Replaced By LD 2601

LD An Act to Make Housing More Affordable to Maine Citizens PUBLIC  
2269 (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Committee on Economic 820  
Development)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-678
		H-740 CROWLEY

SUMMARY  
LD 2269 proposed the following:

1. To create a partnership between the Maine State Housing Authority, municipal housing authorities and municipalities which would:
  - A. Develop comprehensive plans for municipalities or regions for developing affordable housing for low-income and moderate-income households;
  - B. Coordinate programs and resources of these organizations to more effectively address the problem of affordable housing; and
  - C. Share resources to make affordable housing available to eligible Maine citizens;