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ON  
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
JULY 1989

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated as follows:

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

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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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A. A housing unit is affordable if:

- 1) monthly rent or mortgage does not exceed 30% of gross monthly income of purchaser/renter;
- 2) income of renter/purchaser meets guidelines of Dept. of Economic and Community Development (DECD);
- 3) deed or covenant preserves unit as a unit of affordable housing for 10 years after municipality receives the grant.

B. Counties would be limited to a maximum amount of grant money determined by the percentage of the total number of eligible units in that county, and this percentage cannot exceed the percentage of the total number of kindergarten through 12 grade students in that county.

C. The grants could be used only to provide public education.

As a result of limited funds, the committee decided to consider this issue in its study of obstacles to affordable housing.

**LD 456** An Act to End Homelessness in Maine

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

NADEAU G G  
DUTREMBLE D  
CARTER  
MARTIN J

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SUMMARY

LD 456 established the 8 member Interagency Committee on Homelessness to inventory the availability of resources available to the homeless, to coordinate the delivery of federal funds and to make the best use of federal funds, would allow, would allow homeless shelters access to surplus state property and equipment.

Proposed \$1,000,000 for temporary assistance to last resort to people in danger of foreclosure or eviction - MSHA.

Proposed \$600,000 for creation of transitional housing units for the homeless - MSHA.

Proposed \$500,000 to Department of Human Services for cost reimbursement to sponsors of emergency housing shelters for homeless.

The concept of the bill was included in the Committee's Affordable Housing Partnership Act bill, LD 1765.