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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED..... *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

8. It exempts certain financial assistance programs from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for use in the purchase of services and the awarding of grants and contracts.
9. It allows the State Planning Office to require a higher matching requirement for grants to update comprehensive plans.
10. It requires a recipient of a financial assistance grant to cooperate with the State Planning Office in performing program evaluations.
11. It requires coordination among state agencies.
12. It amends the comprehensive plan and growth management program review process undertaken by the State Planning Office.
13. It provides that the State Planning Office's decision on consistency of a comprehensive plan or growth management program constitutes final agency action.
14. It authorizes the State to make growth-related capital investments in a designated growth area if it is identified in a certified growth management program.
15. It deletes the definition of "service center" from the growth management laws.
16. It requires state agencies to contribute to the implementation of comprehensive plans and growth management programs by making investments, delivering programs and awarding grants in a manner that reinforces the policies and strategies within the comprehensive plans or growth management programs.

LD 1700

Resolve, to Encourage State Monitoring and Management of Conservation Easements

RESOLVE 31

Sponsor(s)
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Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-303

LD 1700 proposed to direct the State Planning Office to compile and maintain information on conservation easements held by state agencies. It also would have appropriated funds for costs associated with this requirement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-303) proposed to encourage certain state agencies to pool existing resources to monitor and manage conservation easements they hold. It also directed the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the extent practicable within existing resources to coordinate the state monitoring and management of conservation easements. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 31 encourages certain state agencies to pool existing resources to monitor and manage conservation easements they hold. It also directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the extent practicable within existing resources to coordinate the state monitoring and management of conservation easements.