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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 129th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

LD 1603 **Resolve, To Coordinate a Plan To Expand Cellular Telephone Service**

RESOLVE 64

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T BERRY S	OTP-AM	S-155

This bill requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop a plan in consultation with the ConnectME Authority to install wireless base stations at state-owned facilities to improve cellular telephone service in underserved areas of the State. It requires the department to direct the relevant state agencies to install and maintain wireless base stations as identified in the plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Department of Economic and Community Development, in coordination with the ConnectME Authority, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the University of Maine System, Networkmaine, to develop a plan to leverage state assets to expand cellular telephone service to underserved areas of the State. It requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to submit a report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 64 requires the Department of Economic and Community Development, in coordination with the ConnectME Authority, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the University of Maine System, Networkmaine, to develop a plan to leverage state assets to expand cellular telephone service to underserved areas of the State. It requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to submit a report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

LD 1614 **Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry**

RESOLVE 83

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RILEY T WOODSOME D	OTP-AM	H-433

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)

This amendment makes the following changes to the resolve.

1. It increases the membership of the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry from 13 to 14, adding the Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee as a member, and requires one of the public members appointed by the President of the Senate to be from the northern part of the State.
2. It removes the limitation that the members representing energy storage owners specifically represent battery