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In Senate, February 14, 2019

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Research and Innovation led by the University of Maine System

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, POULIOT of Kennebec,
SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of
Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 CONCEPT DRAFT

3 SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill would provide funding and enact measures based on recommendations of the President of the University of Maine at Machias in a strategic plan chartered by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and due to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System in March 2019. The bill would strengthen research and economic development efforts across the University of Maine System to support Maine industries and workforce development and to foster business formation and expansion, specifically in the 7 research and development sectors designated in statute: advanced technology for agriculture and forestry; aquaculture and marine technology; biotechnology; composite materials technology; environmental technology; information technology; and precision manufacturing technology.