**Resolve, To Monitor Northern and Rural Energy**

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**Two Thousand Twenty-two**

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**S.P. 270 - L.D. 682**

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**Sec.** **1.** **To monitor northern and rural energy. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office, in coordination with the Office of the Public Advocate and the Public Utilities Commission, shall monitor factors that directly affect energy supply and costs in the service territory of the northern Maine independent system administrator and in other rural or geographically isolated communities in the State, including, but not limited to, electric grid reliability, availability and costs of electric generation resources, electricity rates and heating fuel supplies and costs. The Governor's Energy Office may monitor and engage in related activities, including examining regulatory or utility planning processes and convening stakeholder groups to examine related issues, and may take appropriate actions, including actions to ensure relevant energy data is publicly accessible. The Governor's Energy Office shall report on its activities under this section, including any findings and recommendations resulting from its monitoring, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters by February 1, 2023.