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Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Transportation to create a program to promote 2 transit and transportation research and funding. Resolved: That, by July 1, 2024, the Department of Transportation shall develop and implement a statewide program 3 to undertake and promote transit-related and transportation-related research and to 4 maximize funds available to entities in the State that undertake transit-related and 5 6 transportation-related research, including municipal planning departments and other public 7 and private agencies and organizations in the State that are involved with transit or 8 transportation matters or receive government transit-related and transportation-related 9 funds or assistance. The program shall:

- A. Identify funding opportunities from the United States Department of Transportation
  and other federal agencies that provide funding with a transit and transportation
  research component;
- 13 B. Provide department expertise for assistance with preparation of transit-related and transportation-related related grant applications, sourcing of related studies or research, 14 15 materials sourcing and guidance based upon the department's experience, including caveats. concerns and risk in pursuing transit-related 16 potential and transportation-related funding and grants; and 17

18 C. Conduct an annual conference attended by members or representatives of municipal 19 planning departments and other public and private agencies and organizations in the 20 State that are involved with transit and transportation matters or receive government 21 transit-related and transportation-related funds or assistance. The conference must 22 highlight all active and projected research projects and efforts promoted or assisted by 23 the program and feature potential opportunities for federal transportation grants and 24 assistance.

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a statewide program to undertake and promote transit-related and transportation-related research and to maximize funds available to entities in the State that undertake transit-related and transportation-related research.