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**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community  
Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve  
Home Repair Funding Programs in the State**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** Maine's aging housing stock, combined with extreme weather patterns and  
4 rising energy costs, presents an urgent threat to the safety and well-being of homeowners,  
5 particularly low-income, elderly and rural residents; and

6           **Whereas,** delayed home repairs are known to exacerbate health risks, increase energy  
7 consumption and cause financial hardship for homeowners; and

8           **Whereas,** the establishment of a stakeholder group to address gaps in funding and  
9 improve home repair programs is essential to mitigate these risks; and

10          **Whereas,** prompt action is necessary to ensure that Maine homeowners are equipped  
11 with the resources needed to maintain safe, resilient and energy-efficient homes; and

12          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
13 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
14 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16          **Sec. 1. Stakeholder group established. Resolved:** That the Department of  
17 Economic and Community Development shall establish a stakeholder group, referred to in  
18 this resolve as "the stakeholder group," to analyze efforts within the State to fund home  
19 repair programs and provide general funding for homeowners in need of home repairs. The  
20 stakeholder group shall review existing programs, identify gaps in funding and propose  
21 strategies to improve the effectiveness and accessibility of home repair funding initiatives.

22          **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the stakeholder group must consist of the  
23 following members:

24           1. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the  
25 commissioner's designee, who serves as chair;

26           2. The director of the Maine State Housing Authority, or the director's designee;

27           3. A representative from a financial institution that provides home improvement loans,  
28 appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

29           4. A representative from a nonprofit organization that provides home repair assistance  
30 to low-income or elderly homeowners, appointed by the director of the Maine State  
31 Housing Authority;

32           5. A representative from the Maine Municipal Association, appointed by the  
33 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

34           6. A representative from a regional community action agency, appointed by the  
35 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

36           7. A general contractor with experience in residential repairs, appointed by the  
37 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

38           8. A representative from the office of aging and disability services within the  
39 Department of Health and Human Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Health and  
40 Human Services; and

